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CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Many Cases of Minor Importance Rapidly Disposed Of.

JUDGE MORRISON AFTER GAMBLERS

The Attendance is Not Large Session Will be Short—Grand Jury Findings.

The December term of criminal court convened here at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon with Hon. Thomas A. Morrison on the bench. N. W. Hunter was appointed foreman of the grand jury, and after that body had been directed as to their duties and the constables' returns had been taken, motions and arguments took up the time of the court till 5 o'clock when an adjournment was taken till Tuesday morning

In charging the grand jury the court said that his attention had been called to some gambling places which were being run in Bradford. He gave the location of two of these places and added that he had been told that the constables refused to return the proprietors and that when the attention of justices was called to the matter they refused to do anything. He directed the jury to indict the proprietors of any places of this kind they might know of.

The following cases were nol prossed on motion of the district attorney: Commonwealth vs. Abe Goodman, false pretenses; Commonwealth vs. Albert Stanwood, desertion; Commonwealth vs. William Hopley, false pretenses, Commonwealth vs. Fidley Anderson, aggravated assault; Commonwealth vs. John Madigan, surety of the peace. In each of those cases Mr. Melvin stated that he had fully investigated the matter and believed there was not sufficient grounds to warrant indicting the defendant.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Ray Phillips, leave was granted to send upon indictment. A like motion in the case of the Commonwealth vs. W. S. & R. J. Caffrey for maintaining a nuisance, was refused. The constable of Eldred township had returned the Caffrey brothers for maintaining a nuisance, but it only appeared from his return that they were operating a factory, and it also appeared that this factory was in Kenong township. Therefore the motion was refused.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Chas. West of Bradford, who is charged with the larceny of a razor from his brother-in-law the jury found a verdict of not guilty.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Frank McGowan, who was charged with breaking into a store at Mr. Jewett and stealing a pocketbook and other articles, was found guilty of taking the pocketbook.

Mary DeVincents, who was charged with adultery, as she had married a man while another husband was living, was brought before the court and pleaded guilty.

Carmine Allegretti was found guilty of selling liquor without a license, and was sentenced to pay $500 fine, costs, and imprisonment in jail for five months.

Ethel Young, alias Ethel Schoff, pleaded guilty to selling liquor without a license and was given three months in jail and fined $500. Jud Jones, who was indicted with her, was found not guilty.

Newman A. Smith pleaded guilty to assault and battery and was given five months in jail and $25 fine.

John Malone, the negro who raised a disturbance and did some shooting in Stewart's billiard academy, pleaded guilty to a charge of surety of the peace and was given three months in jail.

Marshall Devine, indicted for aggravated assault, was permitted to enter a plea of guilty to the count of simple assault, the evidence for the first count not being very strong. He will have to pay $50 fine, costs of prosecution and stand committed till the sentence is complied with.

Commonwealth vs. Wm. Keefe, assault and battery. Not guilty and the costs were divided.

Commonwealth vs. Ed James, assault and battery. The jury found defendant guilty and he was sentenced to pay $25 fine and costs.

Commonwealth vs. H. S. Stinson, assault and battery and resisting an officer. Jury returned verdict of guilty on both counts.

GRAND JURY FINDINGS.

The grand jury returned the following:

Commonwealth vs. John Malone, surety of the peace and carrying concealed weapons, a true bill.

Commonwealth vs. E. B. James, a true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Ray Phillips, not a true bill and county pay costs.

Commonwealth vs. D. E. Rice, charged with stealing a horse, not a true bill. Rice is the man who, while intoxicated, got into a rig that was standing in front of the Wright House on Thanksgiving evening and drove off. He fell out later on and the rig was recovered. There was evidently no intention on his part to steal the horse.

Commonwealth vs. J. A. Butterfield, selling liquor without a license, a true bill.

Commonwealth vs. John Seigler, larceny, not a true bill.

Commonwealth vs. H. F. Stinson, assault and battery, a true bill.

Commonwealth vs. C. F. Cummings, assault and battery, a true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Will Murray, larceny as bailee, a true bill.

The grand jury finished its labors and was discharged yesterday afternoon.

John Duke Dead.

John Duke died at his home in Olean on Friday of last week in the 70th year of life.

From an Olean exchange we glean the following: Mr. Duke was a native of Corbettsville, this state, and was born April 14, 1832. In his early manhood he became a millwright, which with farming and lumbering, he followed for nearly twenty years. In 1868 with three brothers he removed from Scio to McKean county, Pa., and settled in the hamlet now known as Duke Center, where he continued his old occupation until 1878, when he commenced oil operations and found it a most profitable business. In 1881 he came to Olean and has made this city his home since that time. He built a fine residence here, also the block on Union street which bears his name. He was identified with the denomination of Disciples of Christ at Duke Center, to which he gave the grounds and most of the funds for the erection of a church edifice; he also planned and laid out the Duke Center cemetery. Mr Duke married Nancy J., daughter of Joseph Morgan of Scio. She survives him; also an adopted son, Wm. C. Duke, and one brother, Charles, and four sisters, Mrs. Emma Norton, Mrs. N. Crowell, Mrs. F. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Mary Appledorn.

To Buy an Organ.

The social given by Misses Burdick and Bartlett, teachers of the primary and intermediate departments of the Crosby graded school, last Friday evening, for the purpose of purchasing an organ for the school, was a decided success. The mandolin music rendered by Messrs. King and Leongardson, with organ accompaniment by Miss Esther Erhart, was appreciated and enjoyed by all. Messrs. Anderson and Eldridge entertained the people by music on the graphophone, which added much to the pleasure of the evening.

The refreshments were brought in baskets by the ladies and were sold by Mr. Phalen, who proved himself an excellent auctioneer. The school girls brought baskets which were purchased by the school boys. The older people greatly enjoyed seeing the children having such a jolly time eating their lunch.

The amount realized was $42. More money will undoubtedly yet be received, as some that have promised to help could not be present that night. The Maccabees kindly donated the use of the hall.

Pleasant Card Party.

A very enjoyable progressive pedro party was given by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Dennison at their home in Colegrove on Tuesday, December 2d.

After a very exciting contest the winners' prizes were awarded to Mr. John Bahan, match holder, and Miss Beatrice McLaughlin, a handsome bon bon tray. The booby prizes, a congenial donkey and a tin horn, were captured, respectively, by Mr. Frank Stranberg and Miss Frances Campbell.

Elegant refreshments were served, after which a business session was held to organize the Good Luck Pedro Club, which will meet weekly.

Special Holiday Reduction.

Cabinet photos only $3.00 per dozen, this month only. No extra charge for groups. Come in the morning for sittings if possible.

SCHWAB & SHERMAN,
59 Main St. Bradford, Pa.

China Sale

Miss Ellison will have on exhibition and sale a fine line of painted china in window of Redfield printery on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11th and 12th. All are invited to come in and inspect.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Delinquent taxpayers can save five per cent. by paying their taxes on or before Dec. 18, 1902. CARL SASSE.
47-4t. Collector.

You will all want fruit, nuts and candy for the holidays. Our stock is fresh and the best in the market and the prices are always the lowest. Gaskin & Grant.

Wanted.

Boys at the Haines Flint glass bottle factory. Heads of families with boys can also find employment.

Ladies, think it over and let us know what afternoon you would like reserved for your especial benefit at the Athletic Bowling Alleys.

Hand Sleds and Bobs to gladden the children's hearts. Holmes & Gilfillan.

Use the Redfield mantle.

ANCIENT HISTORY

Happening in McKean County in Days of Old, Taken from the Files.

Married, in Port Allegany, Sept. 26, 1864, by the Rev. C. Cornforth, Mr. Thomas McDowell to Miss Theresa Holmes both of the above place.

Also in Keating township, Oct. 1, by the same, Mr. Luther B. Lucas of Hinsdale, N. Y., to Miss Paulina B. Lucas of Keating.

At the residence of Dr Freeman by the Rev. L. A. Stevens, Mr. Silas E. Reisdorph of Monroe City, Mich., to Miss Frances G. Dutton of Baltimore, Md.

We are indebted to Stephen Curtis of Farmers Valley for a bunch of delicious grapes, grown upon his place. It has always been considered difficult to raise this excellent fruit in this region of country, but that idea is certainly an erroneous one. Many of our citizens have been cultivating the vine for a few years past and are now being well paid for their trouble.

The following infamous sentiments appeared in a hand bill calling the recent Democratic county convention for Cameron county. Comment is uncalled for: "The Democratic and other loyal electors of the several townships of Cameron county who are in favor of Free Speech, Free Press and a Free Government, and who are opposed to a corrupt and imbecile administration, a Nero for President, who sits at Washington telling low barroom jokes to amuse his followers, while our cities are being burned, our harvests gathered by the invader, our commerce destroyed, our credit ruined, our taxes quadrupled and our fathers, sons and brothers slaughtered by thousands under incompetent political generals, etc."

Headquarters 58th Regt., P. V., Camp in the field, Oct. 2, 1864. L. Rogers, Esq., Dear Sir: On the evening of the 28th ult. the Army of the James, composed of the 10th and 18th corps, crossed the James river near Jones Landing and advanced our right. Early in the morning of the 29th we attacked their works, and carried them by storm. The gallant 58th was in the front line of the 3d Brigade, 1st Division, 18th A. C. and charged with as hearty a will as ever and as though they were on dress parade. They were the first to enter the works and planted the tattered colors upon its heights. The color sergeant was wounded in the first part of the charge and six corporals fell one after the other as fast as they raised the colors, but the seventh succeeded in gaining the fort. The battle is not yet decided nor will it be until Richmond falls, for we are pressing forward and drive them as we go. We have suffered heavily in the 58th. Major C. A. Winn was slightly wounded; Captain Cecil Clay, right arm amputated and left hand slightly wounded; Captains Linn and Blakely were killed; Lieutenant J. E. Johnson, wounded in both arms and breast; Lieut. Thomas Birmingham, wounded in face slightly. List of killed and wounded in companies E, F and H: Co. E, wounded, Corp. Melvin Hall, Henry Herring, John Glover, Samuel S. Blanchard, William Ross, George Evans, Sylvester Evans, Amos Preston, W. A. D. North, Reuben Gets, Jerome Chadwick, Levi Cross, Wm. Gray. Co. F, killed, Corp A. M. Farnham, Peter Manning, Otis Copeland; wounded, Corp. A. C. Fuller, Corp. P. M. Thompson, Corp W. H. Rogers, James Van Gorder, John W. Mays, Ceylon F. Rush, Manly B. Rush, Edward W. Pangborn, Joseph Black, Hiram Peasley, Albert Perham, Ezra Daniels, William Daniels, James Phalin, Albert Kinney. Co. H, wounded, Corp. E. Skiver, W. D. Burlingame, J. Nutting, John Bard, J. Baldwin. A great many of the boys are slightly wounded and will soon join the regiment. Yours with respect, C. J. Tubbs, 1st Lieut. Act. R. Q. M. 58th Regt., P. V.

Official vote of McKean county, October 11, 1864: Congress, Bigler, D., 572, Scofield, R., 587; Assembly, Eldred, D., 566, Rogers, R., 598; Treasurer, Barr, D., 590, Blair, R., 567; Commissioner, Comes, D., 576, Smith, R., 584; Auditor, Ormsby, D., 571, Dantley, R., 587; Surveyor, Hamlin, D., 574, King, R., 581; Coroner, Goltry, D., 574, Sprague, R., 583. The soldier vote is not included in the above. Sixty-four votes were cast by the soldiers in the field, of which from fifty to fifty-six were for the various Republican candidates.

The vote of the State is close and the official vote can only decide which party carried the State on the home vote. The vote of the army as far as heard from is largely Union, which will give us the State by several thousand majority.

Our sent in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg will be filled the coming winter by E. B. Eldred (not the lawyer, but the lumberman) of Cameron county, whose popularity nominated him. He is a tip top fellow and to whip him in his own county is glory enough for us.

Our store fairly groans with fine goods for Holiday seekers.
McCOY'S DRUG STORE.

The Savory Seamless Roaster. The only one to buy. Holmes & Gilfillan.

SAVED CHILDREN FROM DROWNING.

Frank McCarty Rescued Three Little Ones From a Watery Grave.

WERE SKATING ON THE THIN ICE

When They Broke Through and but for Mr. McCarty's Timely Arrival Would Have Drowned.

Two girls and a boy, ranging in age from 9 to 13 years, were skating on the thin ice which covered Marvin creek last Saturday. The little ones were near Marvin street, almost opposite the home of John Condy, when the ice gave way and precipitated all three into the water.

Frank McCarty, the well known butcher, happened along the street at this time and hearing the screams of the children, rushed to their aid. The ice gave way under his weight, but the water not being over his depth he pluckily broke his way to the imperiled children and brought them one by one to the bank.

Two of the little ones would surely have been drowned but for his efforts. The largest child scrambled to a place where the water reached only to her shoulders and waited there until Mr. McCarty saved the smaller ones and came to her assistance.

It was a narrow escape for the youngsters, but so far as can be learned none of them, or their brave rescuer, suffered any ill effects from their impromptu bath in the icy waters.

A Peculiar Accident.

The Conde report Enterprise of last week says:

Charles Stewart and John Bradish, barbers employed in the Aeschbach shop, had quite a serious experience Saturday from inhaling the fumes of gas, and for a period of about five minutes were unconscious. In the morning when Mr. Stewart entered the shop he detected the fumes of gas in the room but gave little attention to the fact. Between nine and ten o'clock while the two barbers were working, they began to experience a feeling of dizziness, and Mr. Stewart says the last thing he remembers doing after making unsuccessful attempts to shave a customer's neck, was the placing of his razor on the shelf. From that time until he was brought out of his stupor all was blank to him. Those who were with him say that they had difficulty in keeping him in a chair in which he was placed, and that he made frantic efforts to arise. During the afternoon he was able to resume his duties but was very weak and nervous. The man whom he had been shaving bore two or three razor cuts. Bradish's actions were not quite as ferocious as those of Mr. Stewart. He was carried to Mr. Aeschbach's apartments over the shop where he revived. Both men had severe headaches after regaining consciousness. During the afternoon Mr. Aeschbach became quite ill. The shop is heated by a gas stove in which the dampers were closed, and it is thought that more gas was turned on than the flames could consume, the surplus filling the room.

Ridgway Tannery Burned.

A dispatch from Ridgway dated Dec. 7th, says:

The Eagle Valley Tannery of this place was destroyed by fire this morning, caused by explosion of natural gas in the engine room. The loss on the building is estimated at $75,000 and that on the stock of leather and hides at $350,000 to $800,000. The loss is said to be well covered by insurance. This tannery is in the Elk Tanning Co.'s district which is identified with the United States Leather company.

George W. Childs, president of the Elk Tanning Co., is in the south, but on being informed of the fire left for Ridgway at once. A large number of persons will be thrown out of work. Rebuilding will be commenced soon. The bark stacked in the yards was not burned.

Special B., B. & K. Train to Kane.

Special train will leave Smethport at 6:45 p. m. Monday evening, Dec. 15th, account of the Jeffersons in "The Rivals" at the Temple Theatre at Kane. Returning, train will leave Kane 30 minutes after performance. Round trip tickets from Smethport, $1; Ormsby, 80c; Mt. Jewett, 50c; Lafayette, 45c; Griffiths, 40c, and Kanosholm, 30c.

$5.00 in cash to any resident of this borough, who while rolling a regular game of ten pins in the Athletic Club will beat the high score of 247 made by T. H. Purtle.

We have a large stock of books and novels which will make very appropriate Christmas gifts for anyone. Call and see them. Gaskin & Grant.

The most complete stock of books ever in this town for holiday trade at McCoy's Drug Store.

Go to Peterson's for a good oyster stew, a plate of fried oysters or a cup of good coffee.

Fruits, candies and nuts at Gaskin & Grant's. They are always fresh.

NITRO-GLYCERINE VICTIM.

Joseph Shaffer, aged 26 Years, a Bradford Shooter, Killed.

Joseph Shaffer, aged 28 years, an employe of the Pennsylvania Torpedo Company of this city, was blown to atoms, shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning, by an explosion of nitro-glycerine near State Line. The young man had been identified with the company during the past two years as a "shooter" and previous to that had been in the service of the Gibbons Torpedo Company. Shaffer had had a varied experience in handling and manufacturing the deadly explosive. His fate was the usual one of shooters.

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning he left Bradford and proceeded to the company's magazine. There he loaded his sleigh with 100 quarts of the explosive compound to administer a shot at the No. 18 well of the Dewey Oil Company, which had recently been drilled into the sand on the George Root farm near the head of Nichols Run. The well was to have been treated to a dose of glycerine on the previous day but in consequence of dangerous roads, the result of the storm, it was deemed advisable to postpone the shooting until Tuesday.

Shaffer had driven his team to within a quarter of a mile of the Dewey well when the echoes of the valley were awakened by a thunderous detonation which shook the earth for miles around.

Employes of neighboring oil leases hurried to the scene of the explosion, where remained but a few shreds of clothing, small particles of flesh and pieces of wood and harness, the remnants of what had once been a human being, team of horses and a sleigh.

A deep hole in the roadway gave unmistakable evidence of the power that had so suddenly been freed by concussion. Diligent search was immediately made for the remains of the unfortunate young man, but less than three pounds of human flesh and a portion of his clothing, torn and matted, were the result

The exact cause of the explosion is unknown and will always remain a mystery. It is believed, however, that the sleigh ran into a rut in the roadway with a sufficient jolt to cause the contents to explode.

Joseph Shaffer was unmarried and is survived by his mother and one sister, who are supposed to reside in Buffalo. All efforts to locate them last evening proved fruitless.—Wednesday's Bradford Era.

Bitten by Mad Dogs.

Yesterday afternoon the young son of Dr. Thos. L. Kane was set upon by a dog and bitten in the face. The dog then turned his attention to a son of Mr. Thos. Spillaine and bit him quite badly on the arm. The dog was subsequently shot. Upon further investigation it was found that a son of Chief of Police Dilly had also been bitten by the dog which had every symptom of being afflicted with rabies. Mr. Welteroth, the tinner, who is in the employ of Mr. Theo. Crowell was also bitten on the hand, but whether by the same dog could not be learned. Mr. Welteroth's hand is quite badly lacerated by the dog's teeth. Patsey Roache was bitten by a young pup which he sold to Geo. Franklin, who had to turn the dog loose on account of its queer actions. When the dog returned home it acted queerly and when Mr. Roache attempted to pacify it, the dog sprang for his face which it missed and caught his fingers instead. The dog was killed. We understand that several dogs have been bitten, and in view of these facts every dog in the town should be muzzled.

Dr. C. S. McKenna, who examined the Roache dog before it was killed says that it was a clearly developed case of rabies.—Kane Republican of Saturday.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Dec. 6, 1902.

Mrs. Henry Byron, Burt Davis, Frank Digel, John D. Ewing 2, Mrs. Ira Gobbes, Miss Margaret McPherson, Frida Noua, L. A. Wetmore.

Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised." All unclaimed letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office two weeks from date of advertising.

J. C. GALLUP,
Postmaster.

Clerical Orders for 1903.

Pursuant to its usual custom, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will issue clerical orders for the year 1903 to ordained clergymen having regular charge of churches located on or near its lines. Clergymen desiring such orders should make individual application for same on blanks furnished by the Company through its Agents. Application should reach the General Office of the Company by December 21; so that orders may be mailed December 31 to all clergymen entitled to receive them.

Special Holiday Reduction.

Cabinet photos only $3.00 per dozen, this month only. No extra charge for groups. Come in the morning for sittings if possible.

SCHWAB & SHERMAN,
59 Main St. Bradford, Pa.

The MINER and Redfield's Magazine one year for only $1.20.

Death of Thomas B. Reed.

Thomas Brackett Reed, former speaker of the House of Representatives, and for many years prominent in public life, died at 12:10 o'clock Sunday morning in his apartments at the Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C. The immediate cause of his death was pneumia.

Thomas Brackett Reed, one of the foremost statesmen of the United States during the last quarter of the 19th century, was born at Portland, Me., Oct. 18, 1839. He received his early education in the Portland city schools and was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1860. During the next four years Mr. Reed taught school and studied law. However, before his admission to the bar he received a political appointment, being made acting assistant paymaster in the United States navy, serving on the "tin-clad" Sybil, which uneventfully patrolled the Tennessee, Cumberland and Mississippi rivers.

When he was discharged from the government service in 1865, Mr. Reed returned to Portland and was admitted to the bar. Three years later he was chosen as a Republican member of the Maine Legislature and during his first term he secured the passage of the bill giving a Superior Court to the county of Cumberland. In 1869 he was returned to the House, and the same year was made State Senator and Attorney General of the state. He did effective service until 1873 and afterward for four years was solicitor of the city of Portland.

It was in September, 1878, that Mr. Reed entered National politics, being elected to the 45th Congress of the United States. In this Congress, April, 1878, Mr. Reed was brought into prominence by an address, one of the few formal ones ever delivered by him, in which he argued against the payment of damages by the United States for injuries received by William and Mary College by United States troops during the Civil War. The defeat of this measure largely determined the subsequent policy of the government relative to war claims.

Mr. Reed also took a prominent part in the proceedings instituted to investigate the election of President Hayes. In this commission Mr. Reed was one of the minority members.

Thereafter Mr. Reed's reelection to Congress was contested until his voluntary retirement a few years ago. His skill as a debater was recognized in the 46th Congress, and at this period he made a formal speech in favor of the presence of United States marshals at elections in the south. As chairman of the Judiciary Committee Mr. Reed secured the passage by the 44th Congress of the bill distributing the balance of the Geneva award.

Mr. Reed's influence grew as the debates were more and more recognized, and finally the leadership of his party in the House of Representatives was conceded to him. In the 49th and 50th Congresses the complimentary nomination for Speaker was given to him by the Republicans, and in the 51st, his party having gained in the case ndancy, he was elected Speaker on the first ballot.

It was then that Mr. Reed became famous for "counting a quorum"—a practice against which the Democratic minority bitterly protested. Mr. Reed believed that he had constitutional power to count members present in the House as participating in a vote, although they remained silent. The question of silence on such occasions constituting legal absence, and the destruction thereby of a quorum was, however, settled by the adoption of new rules in the House in 1890. In September of the same year Mr. Reed was re-elected by a large majority, constituting one of the famous quartet of Maine Representatives—Reed, Dingley, Boutelle and Milliken.

Mr. Reed was at the height of his fame and power as a leader of the National Republican party when, in 1899, he resigned his seat in Congress and retired from public life. He then removed to New York City to become a member of the law firm of Reed, Simpson, Thatcher & Carnim, in which occupation he was engaged at the time of his death. In 1896 Mr. Reed was strongly supported for the Republican nomination for President, but a majority of the votes of delegates was given to William McKinley.

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CHARLES LEHMLER.

Mr. Strelling's Christmas Box

By ALICE E. IVES

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WHEN Mr. Richard Strelling came down to the dining room on Christmas eve, he found there was no dinner.

He was a rich bachelor of forty, living in his own house, and up to about two weeks previous to this time everything had run like clockwork in his comfortable establishment. Then his housekeeper had suddenly married, set up a house of her own and left him in the lurch.

There had been two housekeepers since, and the present [illegible] in-



HE HEARD HIS NAME CALLED.

cumbent was upstairs temporarily incapacitated, owing to a too close acquaintance with Mr. Strelling's wine. The cook had left in disgust, and the housemaid, in a bewildered condition had just informed the master of this chaotic household that there was no dinner. So Mr. Strelling turned back into the hall, donned his hat and overcoat and went out into the wintry night to search for a restaurant. If there was one thing that Mr. Strelling did dislike, it was eating in restaurants.

As he sat alone at the restaurant table he found himself descending into a regular vat of the blues.

After all, what did his life mean? Just toiling for money. And for whom? There was no relative he cared a pin for. And it seemed all at once to be borne upon him with most painful sharpness and force that he had made a bad mess of his happiness.

He was not a man to care for clubs or a sporting life. Every one said he ought to have married. But every one did not know that he had had his romance nearly fifteen years before and that, being possessed of the rare qualities of constancy and depth of affection, he had never since cared enough for any woman to marry her.

As he sat there at the solitary table the face of his old love came up before him. It was that of a merry eyed, happy girl of eighteen with light brown hair always blowing about her face in little fluffs.

Suddenly he heard his name called—"Richard!"

He turned in surprise. No woman called him Richard now. It was a woman's voice. But no one was there.

"Great Scott! I suppose I dozed off waiting for that waiter. No, I don't think I was asleep. Well, I must be getting light in the head. I'll shake myself out of this and go to the theater. Tomorrow I'll put on the house a sign, 'To Let!'" Then the discomforts of a boarding house loomed up before him in sickening array.

"Well, but what is to be done? It seems there must be a feminine head to a house. And where am I going to get her? I suppose I ought to have married. No, I oughtn't. What's more, I won't."

Firm in this resolution, he paid his check and went out. Every one was carrying parcels and great bunches of holly and Christmas trees, and they all looked so eager to get home the sight grew quite maddening. Presently he found himself trying to elbow through a solid mass of humanity before a store window.

Strelling was obliged to pause or else walk over two children in front of him.

"Now, Dick, you must come," said a small voice.

"Just a minute," piped out a still smaller one. "Say, do you think he's going to get down our chimney?"

"I guess so, but you mustn't mind if he doesn't. You know mamma said he was real poor this Christmas."

"He ain't either. Just see all those things."

"Now, see here, Dick," said the girl remonstratingly, "if you go wanting things you'll make mamma cry, 'cause if Santa Claus don't bring them she can't. She hasn't any money."

"I don't care. I want something in my stocking."

"Now, Dick, mamma will feel awfully sorry if you do that. You are almost a man, you know. Please don't cry."

The five years of manhood made a heroic attempt at self control and dug his red mitten industriously into his eyes, while the little mother of nine [illegible] affectionately.

"[illegible] along. Mamma is waiting for us in the bakery. And, oh, she'll think we're lost."

"We don't have to pay money just to look, do we?"

Strelling, strangely interested, had listened to every word, and several times the tears had been very near his eyes. As they turned to go he bent down and put a dollar in the girl's hand.

"Buy something for the little chap with it," he said in a low voice.

"Oh, I—I wouldn't dare to keep it. Mamma wouldn't let me. Thank you, sir."

And she put the money in his hand.

This was so unexpected that Strelling became still more interested.

"Where is your father?" he asked.

"We haven't any," answered the girl. "Dick was just a little bit of a baby when he died."

At that moment a small, thin woman dressed in black and wearing a black veil about a plain little h[illegible], not noticing him, made a dash for the children.

"Connie, why did you stay so long? I was afraid you were lost," she said.

"Dick wanted to look at Santa Claus."

"Poor little boy! It will be all the Christmas he will get," sighed the small woman, taking the child's hand and drawing him out of the crowd.

Strelling followed. But how was he to get up the courage to speak? These people were not the sort to accept alms. He felt quite nonplused and helpless. Then the little girl began telling her mother of his offer and her refusal.

"That was right," said the woman, with a kind of sob in her voice.

Then Strelling made a bold break. He stepped up to her side.

"Pardon me, madam," he said, "but I want to ask you to let the little girl take the money. It is a very small amount, and it will be doing me a favor."

She started away from him in a sort of fear. Then the kindness of his voice emboldened her to listen.

"It is very good of you," she stammered out in her embarrassment. "My little girl may take the money, and I thank you very much. But we did not ask it."

"Certainly not. I understand that," quickly responded Strelling, feeling the note of pride in the answer. "But it seems the right of all children to have gifts at Christmas, and I have none to give to. I would like to ask you to let me add to this trifle a Christmas tree and the things to put on it. I hope you will give me that pleasure."

He found himself speaking to the poorly dressed little woman as though she were an empress. Somehow her soft voice and gentle dignity made him think she ought to be, though her face was quite indistinct under her veil in the darkness.

"Thank you," she answered, "but I don't think we could quite manage a tree."

"Oh, I'll get a boy to carry it home for you."

"It isn't that"— she hesitated.

"Mamma thinks it would bother Miss McGarvey," put in Connie.

"Why?"

"Oh, Miss McGarvey is almost always sick and"—

Here the mother quickly interrupted. "The lady Connie means has been good enough to let us share her rooms with



"BUY SOMETHING FOR THE LITTLE CHAP."

her for a short time till I can find another home; and I try to make her as little trouble as possible."

Strelling understood. They had no home.

"Now, there's a great big house, with plenty of room for Christmas trees—my house, you know. Why not bring the tree there and make all the noise you like?"

"It is very kind of you, sir, but I—I don't think we can accept so much."

"Why not?"

"Your family might"—

"I haven't any family. I'm all alone, and I just want to make two children happy. It seems I can't any way I can fix it."

"But it's so—so"—

"Yes, I know what you're going to say," put in Strelling impatiently, quite as though she were very much to blame and he was offering an ordinary courtesy. "Come to think, it is unconventional, unheard of. You are a lady and afraid of—of—well, I don't know what."

"No, I don't know what."

There was a gleam of humor, almost a smothered laugh, in her reply.

He took courage at this. When a woman can see the humor of a situation, embarrassment begins to disappear.

"Well, why not come?"

"Because, though I believe your intentions are of the kindest, I cannot come. But," she added eagerly, "if you can help me to get some work so that I can keep my children I shall be very grateful."

"Can you keep house—that is, look after servants?"

"Yes, I—"

"Then you keep mine, then. My housekeeper is drunk upstairs, and chaos reigns."

"But the children"

"Bring them along. I don't mind children. Come, we can buy that tree and go right home with it."

"Thank you; no, I couldn't tonight. Miss McGarvey would worry. I will come tomorrow."

"So the children cannot have their Christmas because of Miss McGarvey."

"It is not altogether that, but I must insist on letting this wait till tomorrow. Will you please give me your name and address?"

The small woman's voice was firm and there was nothing more to be said. He drew a card from his pocket and gave it to her. She held it near the



"MARY—MARY TRAINOR!"

light to read it. Then she gave a little cry and stood very still, looking at him.

"You—you know me?" she faltered out.

"I do not know you at all," he said rather sternly.

She turned to go.

"Tell me what you mean," he demanded.

She pulled the veil away and turned her face to his in the full glare of the light. For an instant he looked puzzled. Then he cried out, "Mary—Mary Trainor!"

"Yes," she said coldly. "Now you will be willing to let me go home, will you not?"

"Did you hate me so still that you will not let me do anything for the children?"

"Oh, you don't understand. I have never hated you. The little boy's name is yours. Does that seem"

Her voice choked, and she turned away to hide her tears. The children were amusing themselves looking in at the gay windows.

"Mary," he cried, "I have never forgotten! I have never cared for any other woman. I know he is gone now. Do you love me?"

"God forgive me, I always have," she said.

"Then don't wait for tomorrow. Come now—come home," he said, taking both her hands in his.

"Not now."

"There is a minister not many blocks from here, and it will not take half an hour."

"Oh, no, no!" she protested.

"But I say yes. I have been unhappy so many years. Are you going to deny me now?"

Well, the next moment the bewildered children and a more bewildered little woman were put into a cab, and a still more bewildered minister was dragged from his study to perform a marriage ceremony. The cab dashed away to the land of Christmas trees and bonbons and was soon so piled up inside with a tree, holly and all sorts of parcels that it seemed at one time as though the inmates would have to ride outside. It whisked around to Miss McGarvey and left her, in a sort of spasm, with a Christmas box. Strelling snapped his fingers out of the window at other men carrying home Christmas trees, patted Connie, kissed the sleeping Dick and seemed to be in a sort of ecstatic dream.

As they worked together that night trimming the Christmas tree suddenly Strelling said, "Were you thinking of me this evening before we met?"

"Yes; I found myself calling your name aloud"—

"It was about"—

"Half past 6."

"Yes."

He took her in his arms, his lips were upon hers, and the midnight chimes came cheerily in.

Willing to Be Sued.

"I once threatened to sue an old fellow in Vermont for $10 that he owed a client of mine," said a New York lawyer, "but the threat did not seem to impress him much.

"'What good will it do you to sue me?' he asked.

"'It will get the money,' I answered.

"Here the fellow came up close to me and said, 'Say, if that's so, sue me for $20, won't you, and give me the other $10.'

"I gave up hope of collecting that claim."—New York Times.

The Power of a Tip.

Experienced Traveler (at railway restaurant)—When did that man at the other table give his order?

Waiter—'Bout ten minutes ago, sir.

"What did he order?"

"Beefsteak and potatoes, sir."

"How much did he tip you?"

"Sixpence, sir."

"Well, here's a shilling. Cook him another steak and bring me his."

"Yes, sir."—London Telegraph.

O'CONNELL'S COOLNESS.

A Story of the Irish Liberator and a Falling Floor.

Daniel O'Connell was once addressing an enormous meeting in Kingstown, and the crowd was so large that fear was felt for the safety of the building. As he was about to speak a gentleman ascended the platform and said, trembling with fear: "Liberator, the floor is giving way! The beams are cracking, and we shall all fall through in a few minutes." It is not given to many men to live through such moments as O'Connell lived through as he rose to address the meeting nor to preserve such magnificent courage in the face of great peril. Warning the man to keep quiet, the liberator said, "I find this room too small to contain the number who desire to come in, so we must therefore leave it and hold the meeting outside." A few rose to leave, but the hall was still packed, and then O'Connell said: "Then I will tell you the truth. You are Irishmen and therefore brave men. The floor is giving way, and we must leave this room at once. If there is a panic and a rush to the door, we shall all be precipitated into the room below, but if you obey my orders we shall be safe. Let the dozen men nearest the door go quietly out, then the next dozen, and so on until all have gone. I shall be the last to leave." The Irishmen followed the advice, the hall was quickly cleared, and as O'Connell walked across the floor the broken beams gave way.—Oxford Chronicle.

Some British Lawmaking.

It may surprise some folks to learn that plenty of British laws have been drawn up so carelessly and written in such muddled language that they are quite useless for their intended purpose.

One of the acts passed in George III's reign, for instance, states that the proceeds of penalties were to be given half to the informer and half to the poor of the parish. The absurdity lies in the fact that the only penalty which could be inflicted was one of transportation for fourteen years.

In 1865 a well known Q. C. created a lot of amusement by proposing an amendment worded as follows: "Every dog found trespassing on inclosed land unaccompanied by the registered owner of such dog or other person, who shall on being asked for his true name and address may be then and there destroyed by such occupier or by his orders." This gem of meaninglessness was, however, not passed.—London Tit-Bits.

Ebony, the Wood of Kings.

While many of the hardwoods in use at the present day are of comparatively recent introduction, ebony was known and highly esteemed by a number of ancient races and used by them for kingly and other purposes. While the name ebony is given to the wood of several varieties of trees, all kinds are of great density and dark color, the heaviest varieties being, as a rule, also the darkest. There are three varieties of ebony well known in the trade. The ebony from the Gaboon coast of Africa is the darkest. The Madagascar ebony is the densest. The Macassar ebony furnishes the largest pieces. London is still the chief mart for this wood, and from there it is shipped to the various countries in which it is used for manufacturing purposes.—Popular Mechanics.

The Deteriorating Turkish Lady.

Eating sweetmeats, smoking cigarettes, scolding the slaves and telling secrets are the chief diversions of the Turkish lady, with now and then a visit to a low class theater, and her physique, and with it that of the race, is rapidly deteriorating for want of fresh air and exercise. The much disputed question as to whether woman is the possessor of an immortal soul has left its mark on the female population. They have ceased to base any great hopes on such an uncertainty and live, feed and behave so like the "beasts that perish" that to the flippant modern Turk it seems that, if endowed with souls at all, they must be so small as to be scarcely worth the trouble of saving.—Chambers' Magazine.

Would Make Mummies.

No reason exists, says a foreign journal, why persons should not keep their beloved ones with them after death, since their bodies can very easily be mummified. The ancient Egyptians, it continues, were experts at this art, and a close study of some of their mummies shows how they did the work.

The body is placed in a boiler which contains chloride of calcium and which is heated to 125 degrees and after remaining there for a certain time is taken out and steeped for twenty-four hours in a cold solution of sulphate of sodium. By that time it is transformed into a perfect mummy, and the mourning relatives or friends can safely take it home and install it in a place of honor.

Women In New Zealand.

A man with daughters need not feel ashamed in New Zealand. He's a political power, a big man in the district in which he resides. All women over twenty-one years of age can vote, so the man with many daughters often decides a closely contested election. Then, again, women are much sought after matrimonially, for they are outnumbered by the men two to one. There is no need for a woman becoming an old maid. The women are good dressers, and the styles are as nearly up to date as those of London and New York.

Sea Talk.

Bobby—You have always shown a predilection for sea tales, haven't you? I know you always used to be reading them when we were in college.

Dicky—Yes; and I still like them as much as ever. By the way, on that sea voyage I took last year I was much astonished to find how unfamiliar the sailors were with sea language. They didn't talk a bit like the sailor the books tell about.—Boston Transcript.

It is agreed by medical authorities that the virulence of an epidemic may be increased by the element of fear in the public mind.

PAROLES NOT REVOKED.

General Grant Laid Down the Law to President Johnson.

Daniel R. Goodloe, for many years a distinguished resident of Washington and chairman of the commission to free the slaves of the District, once told this story:

"One morning soon after the surrender at Appomattox I was one of a group of gentlemen standing on Pennsylvania avenue, discussing the momentous questions of the day. As we talked General Grant rode toward us, smoking his usual cigar. Recognizing several of us, he dismounted and joined us.

"'What's the news?' he asked.

"I answered, 'We are discussing a piece of news which comes to us directly from the White House and which gives me no little concern.' 'What is it?' asked the general.

"'I understand that President Andrew Johnson intends to revoke the parole of General Lee and other generals of the late Southern Confederacy.'

"'Who was your informant?' asked General Grant.

"I gave him the name of the gentleman who had given the information.

"General Grant quietly said, 'Thank you, gentlemen,' remounted his horse and rode rapidly away toward the White House.

"We leisurely turned our steps in the same direction, and as we entered the portico we saw Grant coming down the steps looking more excited than I had ever seen him before. I went upstairs and met a friend who had been in conference that morning with Mr. Johnson on the subject above mentioned. He said to me, 'If you have any request to make of the president this morning keep it until some other time. He is angrier than I have ever seen him. A moment ago General Grant strode into his presence and peremptorily demanded, "Do you intend to revoke the parole of General Robert E. Lee and other officers of the late Confederacy?"

"'"I am considering the subject," Johnson replied. "You need not consider it. Those paroles were signed by me as general commanding the army of the United States. My promise to them shall be kept in good faith if it takes the army of the United States, plus the army of the late Confederacy, to enforce it."

"'Saying this, Grant retired and left Johnson white with rage.'

"We never heard any more of the revocation of the paroles."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

OLD FASHIONED.

What has become of the old fashioned man who called a boil a "gathering?"

What has become of the old fashioned man who referred to coal as "stone coal?"

What has become of the old fashioned woman who bought wall paper and hung it herself?

What has become of the old fashioned boy who believed that eating gunpowder would make him fierce?

What has become of the old fashioned mustang pony that had to be broken every time it was hitched up?

What has become of the old fashioned person who said to a child that had fallen, "Come here, and I'll help you up?"

What has become of the old fashioned woman who used to say to her boy when he came in late, "I'll attend to your case after supper?"—Atchison Globe.

Carefulness of Surgeons.

It is an object lesson in godliness to see a surgeon washing his hands after performing an operation, says the Chicago Chronicle. He works of course with sleeves rolled up to the elbow, so that the washing extends from the crazy bone to the tip of the finger nail. First there is a hard scrubbing with plain soap and sterilized water. This is followed by a swabbing with tincture of green soap and sterilized water. Then comes a genuine scouring with equal parts of quicklime and soda in sterilized water and finally a rinsing in a solution (1 to 2,000) of bichloride of mercury. Without these four separate washings no surgeon would think of venturing out to scatter germs of disease.

His One Regret.

A fare was being rattled through a Dublin suburb on a rickety jaunting car drawn by a no less rickety horse. Having proceeded some distance, the horse, owing to apparent old age and sheer exhaustion, fell, never to rise again. The fare was very profuse in his sympathies toward the driver, who, however, appeared to take the whole thing very coolly and explained:

"It's just like this with me, your honor. I don't regret the old brute a bit. He was bad from the start. But, somehow or other, I can't help thinking of the beautiful feed of oats I gave him this morning."

Romance of a Marriage License.

There is a record of a marriage license issued to two parties, and written across the face of the entry in red ink is the note by the judge: "Returned unused. See page so and so." On turning to the page referred to there is another record and the same red ink note. In short, the record shows that a license was procured and returned unused four different times. The fifth time, however, was the charm, and they were married, he at the age of sixty-four and she at forty-eight years.—Ottawa Republican.

Photography.

She—I took this picture with my "kodak" while abroad.

He—What is it?

She—Well, that building that stands up perfectly straight is the leaning tower of Pisa; those leaning buildings are the perpendicular edifices in the vicinity.

Quite Natural.

"Isn't it strange that humorists are nearly always melancholy?"

"Oh, I don't know. You see, they sell all their good humor, and then they have to get along the best they can on what's left."—New York Herald.

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Smethport, Thursday, Dec. 11, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read Bell Bros.' new advertisement.

—Holiday groceries are advertised by Shepard & Gallup this week.

—The Coudersport paving job has at last been accepted by the council.

—The new holiday advertisement of F. G. Lindholm & Co. should be read by all.

—A good time is promised all who attend the band dance next Friday, Dec. 18.

—J. Colegrove tells of the good things for the Christmas feast in his advertisement to-day.

The Smethport band will furnish music for its dance at the hose, hose Friday evening, Dec. 18.

—Mrs. Carrie Reilly Clark & Co. are selling winter millinery at cost. See new advertisement.

—D. M. Brasted advertises one thousand five hundred pounds of fresh candy for the holiday trade.

—The high school orchestra is expected to make its first public appearance at Howe's hall, East Smethport, on Christmas night.

—A. J. Warshofsky has a new advertisement in this issue in which he calls your attention to choice wines and liquors for the holidays.

—Frank Kernan, who has been in the Klondike region for the past five years, is visiting friends in Coudersport and Port Allegany for a few days.

—A man who gives a friend a drink is violating the law unless he has a license. This is the substance of a decision rendered by Justice Lovely of the Supreme Court of Minnesota.

—The fact that good clothing and furnishings make suitable holiday gifts will cause the readers of this paper to peruse the new advertisement of H. W. Rubin & Co., which appears in this issue.

—Frank Howlett, a well known printer of Olean, has accepted a position on the New York Times. Mr. Howlett was an employe of this office a number of years ago and had many friends in town.

—Editor Swisher of the Mt. Jewett News is in trouble. In his last issue he muses: It seems that almost all the trusts that are formed are, like the paper trust, only to add to the burden of the newspaper publisher. Last week the hotel men in town formed a trust and at once posted notices, "Positively No Trust." What will a publisher do if this keeps up much longer? We cared nothing for the steel trust and the railroad trust, but—no trusts for drinks. Uni, it is perplexing.

—At the Baptist church next Sunday morning Rev. P. S. Calvin will speak on "The Christian Race." His evening subject will be: "The Sin of Profanity."

—The Potter Enterprise gives considerable space to "The Old Wayne Mutual Life Association" last week, and after reading the article we are of the opinion that is a good insurance to let alone.

—An exchange tells of a couple who had been married 20 years, and who, each night at family worship, pleaded with the Most High for children. At last a small want ad was placed in an evening paper and the next morning the delighted couple found a little boy baby carefully packed in a basket sitting on their front steps. Prayers are all right if you're not in a hurry, but for quick results, advertise.

—The Roulette correspondent to the Potter Enterprise says: Vern Weimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Weimer, met with a serious accident Tuesday while hunting rabbits. In hastily getting over a fence to get the rabbit from the dog, and in pulling the gun through by the barrel it was discharged, sending the contents of shot into his legs near the hip and upwards into the bowels, making a large, ugly wound. Dr. McGranor was hastily summoned and relieved the boy's suffering as much as possible. The boy died at 5:45 p. m. Tuesday.

—A dispatch from Philadelphia dated Dec. 5th says: George Dickinson, alias Wescott, the burglar who was arrested about 10 days ago after a desperate fight with a policeman and who was discovered by detectives to be a robber by night and a business man by day, was tried and convicted to-day and sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary. The police accused Dickinson of nearly 60 robberies, but could secure legal evidence in but 26 cases. It is said nearly $10,000 worth of Dickinson's loot was recovered by the police.

Why Suffer With Your Kidneys?

The discovery of Dr. Geo. Leininger's For-mal-de-hyde Kidney Tablets has proved a blessing to thousands of kidney sufferers who have been restored to perfect health. These tablets drive the kidney disease germs out of the blood and prevent accumulation of uric acid in the system. We urge all sufferers to give this successful and scientific kidney remedy a trial. They come in two sizes, 25 and 50 cents. Come and get a trial treatment free at J. W. Voorhees.

Cure Your Catarrh Now.

V. Van Dorn, 2011 Avenue B, Birmingham, Ala., writes: "I have had catarrh in one of the worst forms for 20 years, and after using Dr. Geo. Leininger's For-mal-de-hyde Inhaler for two days feel entirely relieved and believe by its continued use I will get cured." Sold at 50 cents on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

Go to Peterson's for a good oyster stew, a plate of fried oysters or a cup of good coffee.

Correspondence

COLEGROVE.

The basket social given by Lor... Bardick and Kar... to purchase organ for Crosby ... was a success socially and financially.

H. N. Wilson, who is suffering from injuries received by falling from tank stairs, is slowly recovering.

Miss Beatrice McLaughlin entertained a number of lady friends at her home last Thursday.

Mr. Smiley, superintendent of tank department, was ... this week.

Bessie Heineman was an Olean visitor on Saturday.

John Baban was in Bradford Monday.

Mike Scanlan is home on a vacation.

Henry Gallup is ill at his home.

CAUGHT IN HIS OWN TRAP.

A German Hotel Keeper's Opinions on Hotheaded Peoples.

"I think that the Americans are altogether too quick to pick a quarrel," said a German hotel keeper in Harlem who had just had a petty tussle in putting out an unwelcome customer.

"They are not to be compared with the French," said an American lawyer who happened to drop in. "Why, you know about those French apprentices, how they are always ready to fight and often lose their lives over a few words."

"I've heard about these apprentices," said the German. "We have them in our country. They roam around the country. But what of that?"

"Yes," was the answer. "A party of them, with a leader and representing some craft, will, for instance, meet another party of apprentices. They are organized into different societies, each intensely jealous of the other, and if two such bands are different societies there is a fight in an instant. First the leaders come to blows, and then the melee becomes general. They fight with fists and sticks until the road is littered with the wounded and sometimes the dead."

The German, not to be outdone by the French, said before he had thought twice: "That's nothing. Why, our students in the universities have fights. They belong to different societies and fight with sabers. Because of some little insult often one will have his head fairly cut open."

"And yet you complain about the Americans?" said the lawyer as he laughed to see how the German had stepped into his own trap.—New York Tribune.

A True Friend.

It takes a great soul to be a true friend—a large, catholic, steadfast and loving spirit. One must forgive much, forget much, forbear much. It costs to be a friend or to have a friend. There is nothing else in life except motherhood that costs so much. It not only costs time, affection, strength, patience; love sometimes a man must even lay down his life for his friends. There is no true friendship without self abnegation, self sacrifice.

Born With Them.

"Mamma," said the little girl, her eyes wide with excitement, "I do believe the minister told a story!"

"Why, the idea!" said her mother. "You don't know what you are saying."

"But I do, mamma. I heard papa ask him how long he had worn whiskers, and he said he had worn them all his life."

A Synonym.

"What? Fifty cents a box for those pills!" cried the customer. "Why, it's robbery."

"I wouldn't say that," returned the druggist coolly.

"No?"

"No. Since pills are under discussion, I'd try to be humorous and call it 'pillage.'"—Philadelphia Press.

Visits, but Doesn't Put Up There.

"My boy Josh writes me that he is stoppin' at the best hotels," remarked Mrs. Corntossel.

"Is he a commercial traveler?"

"No. He's drivin' a transfer wagon."—Washington Star.

When Dame Fortune goes calling, she utterly disregards "at home" days.—Chicago News.

There is neither thunder nor lightning within the arctic circle.

If interested in saving gas read Redfield's ad.

TAPE WORMS

"A tape worm eighteen feet long at least came on the scene after my taking two CASCARETS. This I am sure has caused my bad health for the past three years. I am still taking Cascarets, the only cathartic worthy of notice by sensible people."
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We advertise Vinol to increase its usefulness. We may repeat, but we remember that the great Senator Benton said, "Ding-dong is the most effective argument," meaning that you have to say a thing a good many times before you can get people to believe it.

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We are now prepared to do business in an up-to-date way.

Goods promptly delivered in any part of the borough, or at any reasonable distance in the country. Farm produce taken in exchange for groceries at market price.

All goods and prices guaranteed. We do not propose to be undersold. Yours to please,

Hagberg & Sherburne,

Holder Block, — SMETHPORT, PA.

STOP! READ! and REFLECT

And then go to

BROWNELL BROTHERS

Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, FURNISHING GOODS, HATS, CAPS. BOOTS and SHOES.

AND A CHOICE LINE OF THE

FINEST GROCERIES

TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

Your Christmas and New Year

will not be complete unless you have a bottle of good wine or liquor to go with your Christmas and New Year feast.

In my stock you will find the best brands of wines, whiskies and brandies in the country. Look over the following list and take a few bottles home with you.

WHISKIES	WINES
Hunter	White Seal
Wilson	White Top
Guckenheimer	Great Western
Tom Moore	Imported Port
Seymour Club	Imported Sherry
Rose Club	Tokay
Private Stock	Catawba
Meadville Rye	Rhine
Gibson	St. Julian
and 15 others.	and many others.

Cognac Brandies, Holland Gin, Tom Gin, Jamaica Rum and nearly every popular brand of wine or liquor to be found in the country at very reasonable prices. Call and look over my stock.

Mail orders given prompt attention and delivered in plain boxes if desired.

A. J. Warshofsky,

Reilly Block, — SMETHPORT, PA.

McKean County Miner

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HARRY L. BACKUS,
Editor and Prop'r.

Smethport, Thursday, Dec. 11, 1902

THOMAS NAST, the world famous cartoonist, died of yellow fever at Guayaquila, Ecuador, on Sunday last.

THE [illegible] board of county commissioners should feel under deep obligations to the [illegible] Democrat [illegible] from the responsibility of making [illegible] appointments. There is, however, [illegible] suspicion in some [illegible] that they do not feel as deeply obligated as they ought.

NOW [illegible] fact that Editor [illegible] of the Democrat has [illegible] Hon. David Cameron of [illegible] county to the Superior Court bench [illegible] Hon. Thomas A. Morrison [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] gentleman will [illegible] of the [illegible] of the State.

THE Democrat don't agree with the President in all [illegible] which is probably [illegible] but we [illegible] very [illegible] President [illegible] is trying to be a good President and that he is [illegible] as any one of his predecessors. It's easy enough to criticize every act of the President, but it's just as senseless as it is easy.— Potter Democrat.

HON. J. K. P. HALL will not be a candidate for United States Senator. He will not be so foolish as to permit his name to be used by the Democrats in their counter Demonstration against Penrose. It is understood that Hall wants to succeed State Chairman Creasy when he retires next April and is afraid if he were to become a candidate for Senator it would interfere with his prospects for State chairman. The honor of being supported for Senator will go to National Committeeman Guffey, if he can be induced to accept it.

PRINCE CUPID, who was elected on the Republican ticket as delegate to Congress from Hawaii, says the Washington Post, will not only be one of the best educated, but also one of the most widely traveled Republicans of the next House. Physically, he is a giant, but modest and gentlemanly, as a prince of royal blood should be. Not many months ago he returned from a very extended tour around the world, lasting about two years, during which he had some rather startling experiences. Of dark skin, but not even remotely connected with any African race, he resents any [illegible] negro. At Montreal he entered a barber shop of a fashionable hotel, and seated himself in a chair. "Some one wants to see you at the outside," explained another barber [illegible] to him. The prince stepped outside and was informed that that barber shop did not shave negroes. The unfortunate barber who vouchsafed the information spent a week thereafter in a hospital. While the prince was at Heidelberg he entered a public room, where several German students were drinking and chattering volubly. Some of them allowed—in their own language, of course—that they did not like to have "a d——d nigger" around. The prince was educated in England and understands German perfectly. A fight of large proportions ensued, with the result that the prince, as reported, cleaned out the German students, waiters and everybody else who resisted. After it was all over, and he had become master of the situation, he footed a total of $500 for broken furniture. However, the prince is farthest from the type of pugilist. Those who know him believe that he will command the respect of men in public life and work diligently for the interests of the island territory, which has a very deep concern in several matters of legislation before Congress.

EDITOR LINDSLEY of the Democrat is making a bitter fight against the reappointment of Thos. H. Ryan as superintendent of the county home and his excuse for this action is because he claims Mr. Ryan "conducted a guerilla warfare of defamation and vilification" against Commissioner-elect Griffiths when he was a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket. Ever since Mr. Ryan and Mr. Lindsley had a personal quarrel last spring Mr. Lindsley has been threatening to "show up" Mr. Ryan's bad side to the voters of this county and so far his whole "show up" consists of his unsupported word that Mr. Ryan conducted a "guerilla warfare" against Hon. George Griffiths, and this amounts to very little when it is taken into consideration that Mr. Ryan is thrice as well known to the people of this county as is Mr. Lindsley and those who know him know that he is not a man who would conduct a "guerilla warfare" against anyone. It will take more than the unsupported word of Mr. Lindsley to convince them that Mr. Ryan was guilty of conducting a "guerilla warfare" against a comrade in the late War of the Rebellion. We do not know whether or not Mr. Ryan has asked for the re-appointment, but we are certain that when the appointment is made Mr. Lindsley's guerilla attacks on the character of an honorable man will have no weight with such men as compose the board of newly elected county commissioners. In reality Mr. Lindsley is the one guilty of conducting a "guerilla warfare" and he is doing it for personal revenge alone. By innuendoes and threats to "show up" terrible things he has attempted to injure the character of Mr. Ryan, but he has not made good in any instance. He has only shown himself to be the guerilla, held up to the ridicule of all who know the circumstances, while Mr. Ryan has not lost a friend through these attacks.

"Rattlesnake Pete's" Industry.

A queer business is that in which Peter Gruber, of Rochester, is engaged. He is procuring and powdering the venom of rattlesnakes for scientific uses and the price which he receives for his commodity is $2,400 per pound, says the Bradford Era. Up to the present time Mr. Gruber whose other name is "Rattlesnake Pete," is without competition and has a monopoly which will be free from interference by any possible legislation [illegible] trusts which may be the outcome of Congressional action. Cyanide of mercury, strychnine, arsenic, and some brands of whiskey, are sure death when given a chance to show what they can do, but the venom of the rattlesnake as prepared by Gruber, is said to be still more deadly than any of the poisons named. Not long ago a letter was received from Germany directed to "Rattlesnake Pete, Rochester, America," asking in what quantities the venom from rattlesnakes could be furnished by the Rochester snake man and what he charged for it. When interviewed about it Pete said: "I have just received another letter from Germany. It is from Dr. Edwin L. Faust, Pharmacological Laboratory, University of Strasburg, and he wants $500 worth of rattlesnake venom in its powdered form to experiment with. He thinks my price of $25 per drachm is too high, but when it comes to procuring the stuff, in the manner it has to be taken from the snake, with a slip meaning a bite that would result in either death or weeks at the hospital, I can tell you that I will not furnish a drachm for one cent less. I have to pick each snake up with my hand and force a spoon into its mouth in order to procure the venom, and although I have handled rattlers all my life, I never court trouble unless there is a financial consideration worth taking the risks for." The rattlesnake venom is used by medical experts in cases of leprosy, diphtheria, lockjaw and other diseases where desperate chances are taken for the patient's recovery.

In some recent experiments with leprous patients, it is said that good results have been obtained by rattlesnake venom; but the use of the poison for this purpose is as yet in an experimental stage. In the meantime, it is safe to say that Mr. Gruber will continue to monopolize the business of which he is the founder.

The Money-Back Cough Syrup.

Means a lot to people who are tired of experimenting with the "ordinary" cough preparations—you are not out a cent if Dr. George Leininger's For-mal-de-hyde Cough Cure does not please you. It will cure consumption and all serious and stubborn lung and throat diseases. Sold at 25c on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

The best robes and blankets at the lowest prices at Charles Leininger's.

OLEAN'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

BELL BROS.

The Store in its Holiday Garb.

Bright and fresh in its Holiday Trim this store invites your inspection. Stocks are now at their very best, chuck right full to the brim with new Christmas things.

The Basement Toy Store.

Almost every toy imaginable and many that you would never think of are to be had in our Christmas basement. There is an immense line of dolls ranging in price from 10c to $3.50. Books too, for both young and old from 5c to 50c.

Christmas Furniture.

The elevator will take you to the third story where you will see two floors packed with beautiful furniture that any one would be happy to receive. What makes a more sensible or practical gift than a beautiful piece of furniture.

China Cabinets, Parlor Tables, Davenports, Book Cases, Morris Chairs, Couches, Ladies Writ'g Desks, Fancy Rockers, Corner Chairs, Combination Cases, Library Tables, Brass Beds, Chiffoniers.

Select your Christmas gift now. We'll set it aside and deliver free of expense at your order.

BELL BROS.

The Leading Dry Goods, Carpet and Furniture House in Southwestern New York



It isn't what you say but what you show

THAT COUNTS IN THE SHOE BUSINESS

Now, Showing a bigger value than the other fellow has always been our long suit. We are happy just now in the knowledge that every dollar our Customers spend for our $3.00 Women's Welt Shoes this coming week means to them just $1.50. They are "John Kelly" made, which means QUALITY.

Anderson & Carlson,

SMETHPORT, PENNA.

"HE'S THERE WITH THE GOODS."

Christmas Goods

WELLS.

You
know what
it means when
WELLS says he has a
stock of CHRISTMAS GOODS.
His past reputation insures you that
he has one of the most complete lines of
Holiday Gifts in the country—the
very thing you have been look-
ing for for the old and
young. Just drop
in and see
us.

H. C. WELLS,

WELLS BLOCK, SMETHPORT.

CHRISTMAS

Will Soon Be Here.

The usual problem confronts you—same old trouble as last year, "It's hard to find things to give men." If you find it so, a visit here will help you to decide and afford you relief. Our store is full of articles suitable for a man's Christmas. Run your eyes down this list. You will certainly strike something he would be delighted to have:

Overcoat, Smoking Jacket, Gloves,
Night Robe, Shirts, Hosiery,
Muffler, Rain Coat, Shirt Protector,
Handkerchiefs, Suit, Neckwear,
Suspenders, Bath Robe, Collars, Cuffs,
Caps, Umbrella, White Vest,
House Coat, Sweater, Etc., Etc.

When Christmas shopping we would be pleased to have you come here with your troubles and we'll fix "them" out.

H. W. RUBIN & Co.,

THE TERHUNE UNION MADE SHOE.

MERCHANT TAILORS, CLOTHIERS & FURNISHERS.

NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS

received daily at store of

D. C. YOUNG.

Children's Union Suits, 25c up and ladies' from 50c up.

New Walking Skirts, nice assortment for ladies, $2.00 up.

Waldorf Shirt Waists, going rapidly. Call and get a fit before it is too late. No more this season.

New lot of ladies' shoes just received. Every pair guaranteed.

Stock of dry goods and notions complete in every department, also fine assortment of groceries.

Am still selling hand picked winter apples at 75c per bu.

Best Carolina rice 8c pound. Cheaper rice at 5c. Coffee from 15c to 35c pound that will beat anything on the market.

I do not deal in trading stamps, prizes, etc., but give all my customers benefit of low prices for cash. If you must have prizes, will sell them to you at cost and not add to the price of my goods, as one must do who makes a practice of giving away prizes, for these things all cost money and are paid for at their full value.

Do not forget Felt's Fancy Flour, at $1.25 per sack.

D. C. YOUNG,

SMETHPORT, PA., Nov. 17, 1902.

STYLISH PATTERNS

FOR

FALL AND WINTER.

SUITS, OVERCOATS, TROUSERS.

Our stock of the above goods is more complete than ever before. We have the very latest styles in Cheviots, Worsteds and all popular patterns.

And as for fit and style in making we guarantee each garment to be equal to anything made in the largest cities.

Shillenn & Torrence,

The Leading Tailors

Chadwick Block. Smethport.

Monarch Water Heater

is the best in the world, because it is the most durable and the greatest gas saver.

In less than a minute hot water is at hand anywhere in the house, night or day. "You turn the faucet, the Monarch does the rest." We have a large stock on hand.

Smethport Plumbing Co..

W. S. Palmer, Manager. SMETHPORT, PA.

New Fall Hats.

All that is new in Hats for the coming season we have them. Any color, any style desired. Also a very large assortment of Boys' and Children's Hats and Caps; the latest novelties for little fellows and little girls. Our prices as usual are the lowest.

We also are showing some swell new things in neckwear.

IKE SIMONS

46-48 Main St. BRADFORD. The Big Double Clothing Store.

Full Line of Negligee Shirts Now Open.

Queen Quality Shoes. | *F. G. Lindholm & Co* | Dry Goods and Carpets

USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE

Christmas and Holiday Gifts

AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES

The display in our various departments represents so many suitable articles that we cannot begin to enumerate them, but you cannot make a mistake in the selection for man, woman or child. Settle that troublesome gift question now while the grand selection is unbroken.

These helpful hints suggest a few gifts from among the many articles in our big stock:

Card Cases	Rugs	Cloaks
Pocket Books	Art Goods	Furs
Cigar Cases	Umbrellas	Skirts
Wrist Bags	Handkerchiefs	Suits
Shopping Bags	Belts	Silk Waists
Toilet Cases	Kid Gloves	Flannel Waists
Jewel Cases	Golf Gloves	Dressing Sacques
Portfolios	Dress Patterns	Sweaters
Dolls	Waist Patterns	Fancy Stocks
Books	Pillow Tops	Shoes
Sofa Pillows	Slippers	

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Now Heat Your Home Comfortably with a Jewett Reflex Heater.

Even if gas costs 20c per thousand, it would be cheaper for you in a REFLEX than 15c gas in order makes. This is a positive fact, and REDFIELD, the HARDWARE DEALER, will prove it to you or refund your money. It beats using coal at any price.

All people have been more or less worried on the fuel subject. The JEWETT REFLEX will positively settle you worry in the most satisfactory and economical way. It will pay you to buy a REFLEX because of its economy and HEATING POWER. Remember, your money back if you are not convinced.

REDFIELD'S HARDWARE.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

Smethport, Thursday, Dec. 11, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—D. C. Young will have Christmas greetings in his ad next week.

—The stores of this place have put on a very attractive holiday garb.

—The bricklayers have finished their work on Dr. Hamilton's new building.

—J. C. Hamlin can keep you warm. Read his Triple Effect stove advertisement.

—It is expected that the new opera house will be opened to the public about February 1.

—The new advertisement of Holmes & Gilfillan will interest those who want the best cooking utensils.

—Miss Eva Hopper entertained seven of her young friends with a candy party at her home last Friday night.

—Warner's Business College of Bradford could not fill a $45 position on Monday as he had no male stenographers left.

—Mayor Peter O. Foley has suspended City Clerk Charles Keenan. He is charged with misconduct and neglecting his duties.

—Two more students have secured positions at about $80 per month near Erie. It pays to attend Warner's Business College at Bradford.

—The Brockway Jubilee Singers gave a very pleasing entertainment at the court house last Saturday evening and were greeted by a large and appreciative audience.

—At St. Luke's church next Sunday the services will be at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7430 p. m. Advent anthems, "Hark the Glad Sound" and "Hosanna in the Highest."

—A number of young people of town gave a very pleasant dancing party at the hose house last Friday evening. Miss Lucy Wright presided at the piano and rendered excellent music.

—The stores in this borough have an unusually large and handsome display of holiday goods this season and J. W. Voorhees' Palace Pharmacy is among the very best. See his advertisement in this issue.

—All members of Smethport Hose Co. are requested to be in attendance at the special meeting of that organization Friday evening, December 19. Officers will be elected and other business of importance will be transacted.

—"He's there with the goods" is the title of H. C. Wells' large holiday advertisement in this issue, and this is a very appropriate caption, for Harry Wells always has as large a stock of well selected gifts as anyone in this section.

—Mrs. T. H. Purtle gave a card party last evening to a number of friends. Mrs. Wallace Mullin of Bradford was the guest of honor.

—A sleighride party consisting of eighteen members of the P. H. C. drove down to E. J. Free's residence near Farmers Valley last night.

—The Olean Music Store is about to close out business. A large advertisement on the last page of this issue tells of some rare bargains in pianos. Their great sale will commence next Monday and continue until the entire stock is sold.

—County Commissioner-elect John A. Peterson of Bradford, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia for some time, is rapidly recovering and will be well in a short time. It was believed for a time that his illness would prove fatal.

—Abraham Goodman was acquitted at Warren on Thursday on a charge of voluntary manslaughter. The defendant killed David Cain at Kinzua several months ago, in self defense. Goodman was defended by O. C. Allen, Esq., of Warren, a criminal lawyer of wide reputation.—Bradford Era.

—Mrs. H. O. Wells gave a musicale Monday night of seventeen numbers in honor of her pupils, their parents and friends. Mrs. Wells demonstrated that aside from her remarkable musical talent she is a pleasing entertainer and the evening was joyfully appreciated by those in attendance.

—The ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Gertrude, daughter of Geo. W. Irons of Smethport, Pa., to D. H. Griswold of this place, occurred in Binghamton Monday evening, Rev. J. B. Sweet, D. D., officiating. The Transcript extends congratulations and best wishes.—Susquehanna Transcript.

—The Smethport Fish and Game Club is going to enforce the law in regard to killing game out of season. The officers of this club, we are informed, have heard the rumor that certain parties intend doing some deer hunting on this snow and are on the watch for any offenders. Hunters should take warning.

—J. J. Mundy, who for a number of years has been the local editor of the Coudersport Enterprise, has purchased a half interest in that paper. John is an able and popular young man who deserves to prosper and we congratulate him on his purchase of a half interest in one of the best weekly papers in the state.

—Elbert Hubbard's wife is on a strike. The ways of the Roycrofters are distasteful to her and she will obtain a divorce from the editor of the Philistine. East Aurora's claims on popularity are receiving some hard knocks of late. The ties that bind (books) in that place are not so lasting as they've seemed to be.—Bradford Era.

Those who were disappointed in not [illegible] several [illegible] last Sunday evening at the Methodist church will find great satisfaction in the announcement of the subject "Social Hindrances to a Noble Life," for next Sunday evening. "A Distressing Emergency" is the morning subject.

—From a correspondent we learn of a bad accident that occurred on the farm of George Foles, near Coudersport, one day last week. While skidding logs the log got the best of the horses and men and went over the bank of a stone quarry, dragging the team with it. One of the horses was killed and Arthur Foles was severely injured.

—Our books show that there are several hundred dollars due us on subscription. We want this money in fact, we must have it to pay our own obligations. Let every subscriber look at the label on his paper and send the amount due us at once. The MINER is well worth the price—$1.25 per year—and if we have any subscribers who think it is not, it is their duty to pay up and quit.

—Armour, the millionaire, whose daughter was successfully operated upon for hip disease by the great Austrian surgeon, Lorenz, without the use of the knife, has announced his gift of $3,000,000 to endow a college hospital for the practice of a bloodless surgery. Dr. Muller, a famous physician and an Austrian by birth, will be the head of the school which will be located in Chicago.

—Prominent citizens of this place are making some complaint because we have no day police. In this they are perfectly right. During the day time drunken loafers are allowed on the street and often it is impossible for a lady to pass along Main street without hearing foul language from this class. Evenings the police keeps these characters off the streets and now it is safer for a lady to be on the streets in the evening than during the day. We should have a day officer to remove this nuisance.

Be sure to attend the dance and supper to be given at the hose house Friday evening, Dec 19. Music for dancing will be furnished by the full band and all those who were in attendance at the last dance given by this organization will testify both to the excellency of the music and refreshments. It costs some money to keep a brass band going and now that Smethport has a good one the people should show their appreciation by attending the entertainments arranged for its support. You will always get your money's worth. Help the band by attending their dance Friday evening, December 19.

—The sacred cantata, "The Daughter of Jairus," was rendered with splendid finish and perfection by St. Luke's choir on last Sunday evening. Many parts of the music were rendered in very dramatic style, especially the soprano recitatives by Miss Agnes McCoy and the bass recitatives by Mr. Guy H. McCoy. The two great choruses were inspiring and were sung with great fervor and effect by the large choir of thirty-six voices under the leadership of Dr. H. L. McCoy. The organ accompaniment was quite orchestral like and was brilliantly performed by Miss Helen McCoy. St. Luke's choir deserves continued credit for its fine work.

Special Holiday Reduction.

Cabinet photos only $2.00 per dozen, this month only. No extra charge for groups. Come in the morning for sittings if possible.

SCHWAB & SHERMAN,
59 Main St. Bradford, Pa.

If in search of holiday presents you, of course, want to see the latest and best. Don't fail to call on us as we have something for everybody.

McCOY'S DRUG STORE.

My trunks, suit cases, hand bags, blankets and robes, as well as all other goods, are sold on honor at very reasonable prices. See them before buying.

CHARLES LEMMLER.

Gaskin & Grant, the news dealers, have a fine line of candies, nuts and fruits for the holiday trade. Give them a call. One door east of the Hotel Imperial.

I have a few single-combed White Leghorn cockerels for sale.

W. J. WILSON,
44-4t. Smethport, Pa., R. F. D. No. 1.

Go to Peterson's for a good oyster stew, a plate of fried oysters or a cup of good coffee.

Protect your horse and your pocketbook. Buy Blankets of us.

Holmes & Gilfillan.

Go to Gaskin & Grant's news stand for holiday candies and fruits. They have a fine line.

Bibles, prayer books for holiday trade. Larger assortment than ever. McCoy's Drug Store.

The finest line of nuts and candies can be found at the store of Gaskin & Grant.

If interested in saving gas read Redfield's ad.

Use the Redfield mantle.

SEND US A COW,



Steer, Bull or Horse hide, Calf skin, Dog skin, or any other kind of hide or skin, and let us tan it with the hair on, soft, light, odorless and moth-proof for robe, rug, coat or gloves.

But first get our Catalogue, giving prices, and our shipping tags and instructions, so as to avoid mistakes. We also buy raw furs.

THE CROSBY FRISIAN FUR COMPANY, 116 Mill Street, Rochester, N. Y.

PERSONAL MENTION

T. R. Mo[illegible] [illegible]

Miss Helen Forrest was an Olean visitor Saturday.

Mrs. H. H. Redfield is visiting in Buffalo this week.

Miss Helen McCoy is visiting in Buffalo this week.

John B. Oviatt of Norwich is serving on jury this week.

Mrs. Orlo J. Hamlin is visiting in Buffalo this week.

Mrs. T. A. Morrison was a visitor in Bradford Tuesday.

Mrs. Samuel E. Bell was a visitor in Bradford Saturday.

James G. McCutcheon of Bradford was in town this week.

E. L. Keenan was a business visitor in Port Allegany last Thursday.

Sheriff elect Chas. E. Mays of Morrisons is attending court this week.

Elisha K. Kane of Kushequa transacted business in town this week.

Sanford Ballard of Gardeau was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday.

Mrs. H. L. McCoy and daughter, Miss Agnes, were Buffalo visitors this week.

L. W. Howden of Coryville was a pleasant caller at this office on Monday.

Misses Alice Thomm and Jessie Bush visited Olean the latter part of last week.

Walter Ostrander of Liberty township was transacting business in town yesterday.

Miss Katheryn Dodge of Fredonia, N. Y., was a guest of Miss Rena Gallup over Sunday.

Mrs. Cora McKendrick of Charlotte avenue is visiting friends in Smethport.—Bradford Era.

Miss Alice Holleran of Angelica, N. Y., visited her sister, Miss Theresa Holleran, this week.

"Red" Knerr, a popular Bradford printer, was in town this week and made the MINER office a pleasant call.

D. C. Young returned on Monday from New York, where he had been purchasing a stock of holiday goods.

Miss Margaret Irvine, who has been engaged professionally here for several weeks returned to her home in Bradford Tuesday.

Mrs. John Forrest, daughters, Misses Helen and Ruth, Miss Buck and Miss Janette Hamlin are shopping in Buffalo this week.

Mrs. J. F. Olmstead and infant daughter left Monday for Crestline, Ohio, where Mr. Olmstead is located. They will make their home there.

Ray Wolters left Wednesday for Manistee, Mich., where he will make his future home. Ray has many friends in Smethport who will wish him success in his western home.

When You Bake

You should have close at have at hand everything the cook book requires.

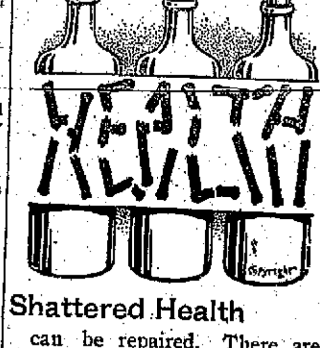
We keep every kind and every

Brand of Flour

That is worthy of a place in a high grade assortment of Groceries.

You can find here, too, all the other things necessary to insure perfect success in cooking.

SHEPARD & GALLUP,
The Leading Grocers.



Shattered Health

can be repaired. There are remedies, if not certain cures, here for every ailment under the sun. Our stock of

Drugs and Medicines

is the most complete in the city. May be necessary for the physician to decide what the medicine shall be. We can fill his

Prescriptions

by compounding accurately the purest and freshest drugs. What cannot be found in our line of Proprietary Articles cannot be considered the best. We carry all that are good.

L. K. Hogarth & Co.
Leading Druggists.
Opp. Court House, SMETHPORT.

FRY & HERZOG

DRY GOODS CARPETS MEN'S FURNISHINGS.
CARPETS MADE FREE.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

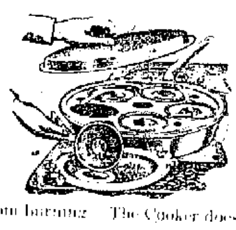
BIGGEST VARIETY. *BEST VALUES.*

We don't do things by halves. This week we place on sale a mammoth stock of gift novelties. Our sources of supply are the fountain heads, hence we guarantee the newest and best for the least money. Buy where there is the most to select from, where your cash has greatest purchasing power. Complete assortment in

Toys	Toilet Cases	Gloves
Games	Manicure Sets	Handkerchiefs
Dolls	Smoking Sets	Neckwear
Children's Books	Shaving Sets	Umbrellas
Booklets	Pictures	Baskets
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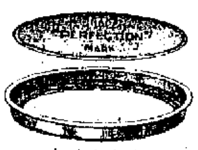
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GRANT HELD UP BY RAIDERS

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DECEMBER 20, 1862, the dashing Confederate cavalry leader Earl Van Dorn achieved one of the most brilliant and important raids of the war. But for the celerity and thoroughness of his sudden swoop that day at Holly Springs, Miss., Vicksburg might cut a different figure in the history of victories.

The middle of December, 1862, both Grant and Sherman were moving against Vicksburg overland and by steamers down the Mississippi. The chief supply depot at the front for Grant's land column was at Holly Springs, on the Mississippi Central railway. Far up the road northward toward the main base of army supplies in Kentucky Forrest's troopers were destroying bridges and telegraph lines, as well as capturing important military posts.

Van Dorn at the time of the raid had under his command a small body of cavalry serving as scouts for the Confederate army of Pemberton which confronted Grant in northern Mississippi. Acting on his own impulse he made a swoop from Grenada to Holly Springs, and so rapid were his movements that Grant's outlying scouts were distanced in the race to camp.

Van Dorn's attack on the post was sprung at daylight and proved a complete surprise. In spite of the gallant resistance made by the garrison after it had been aroused the raiders cut the telegraph wires and destroyed the military stores. The garrison consisted of the Eighth Wisconsin and a portion of the Sixty-second Illinois infantry and six companies of the Second Illinois cavalry. The Illinois troopers made a stubborn resistance, falling upon Van Dorn's scattered detachments and fighting heroically to retrieve the disaster.

Van Dorn estimated the supplies burned in the raid at $1,500,000 and Grant at $400,000. The cutting of the wires broke [illegible] communication between Grant and Washington [illegible] Sherman [illegible] the Army of [illegible] state of [illegible] as though steam roads and the telegraph had never been invented.

Before the wires were cut Grant learned of the work of Van Dorn's energetic colleague up the line. With 1,800 troopers Forrest had crossed the Tennessee river westward at Clifton and early on the 17th of December galloped toward Lexington. Lexington was a Federal cavalry outpost, covering on the east the important military post at Jackson, on the Mississippi Central.

Jackson was the headquarters of a military district commanded by General J. C. Sullivan, and the outlying points east, north and south were garrisoned by small bodies of infantry



ILLINOIS TROOP FIGHTING OFF VAN DORN'S RAIDERS.

with cavalry outposts. News of Forrest's crossing the Tennessee had been brought in by the scouts and telegraphs in all directions. Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll immediately set out at the head of Sullivan's cavalry corps, numbering 800 sabers, to intercept Forrest. He met the raiders just outside Lexington and, with 100 of his followers, became a prisoner to the "Wizard of the Saddle."

The news of Ingersoll's fight and capture was sent over the wires, and Forrest's strength declared to be 10,000 to 20,000. Grant sent the word to Admiral Porter and asked that gunboats move up the Tennessee to help capture the raiders. He also ordered troops to go to Sullivan's aid, instructing that general to attack at once. Meanwhile Forrest rode to within four miles of Jackson and offered battle with Sullivan, while his detachments were out north and south cutting the railroad to prevent help from reaching his antagonist.

Jackson was a fortified post, too strong for Forrest's column to attack, but the situation was in the grasp of this wily leader. He spread out his line right and left and even had the drums beat infantry calls to make believe that he had at hand the forces attributed to him. The danger to Jackson was thus made the question of the hour all along the line, and troops were taken from weaker places to march to the relief of Jackson.

Several hundred Federal troops started from Trenton, a station north of Jackson, to re-enforce Sullivan's command. Forrest's men made a dash for Trenton and found only a couple of hundred raw recruits in garrison. The commandant surrendered unconditionally upon learning that the wires and road were cut and he could not recall his troops. Trenton proved a treasure house to Forrest. He rallied his whole force there and supplied the men with captured guns, ammunition, clothing and rations, besides carrying away captured wagon trains loaded with spoil. The captures, amounting to $500,000 in value, rearmed and refitted the whole raiding band. Many of them had started out with shotguns and flintlocks and gladly traded them for Uncle Sam's improved rifles.

While the main body of raiders cleaned up Trenton a detachment ran into Humboldt and gathered in all the stores piled up there. What could not be carried away of the combined captures Forrest burned and then set out for Union City, near the Kentucky border. News of his ride had preceded him, and a special officer had come to the post to organize for defense. Forrest resorted to stratagem, and finally his troopers overran the place and captured all the boys in blue who didn't run away.

Union City was the northern terminus of the raid. Forrest sent word to his chief that he had killed 100 of the enemy, captured 1,200, including four colonels, ten captains and twenty-three lieutenants. Miles of trestlework on the Obion river were destroyed, and then the raiders headed toward the Tennessee river again. Meanwhile General Sullivan had organized a force and sent it northeast from Jackson toward Huntington to get between Forrest and the Tennessee river. Another Federal force was hurried to Columbus, Ky., to head off the raiders and still another pushed south to catch Van Dorn in Mississippi. With his enemy so scattered Forrest was not the man to be caught. His roving scouts and the friendly citizens brought word to him of what the Federals were doing, and on the 26th of December he abandoned Union City and galloped toward Huntington.

Being warned of Sullivan's command at Huntington, the raiding chief chose to avoid battle and prepared to slip through the enemy's line between Huntington and Trenton. To accomplish this it was necessary to cross the Obion river. The Federals had destroyed all the bridges on the Obion save one. This the raiders strengthened, and Forrest himself drove the first team across to inspire confidence in the men that the structure was sound.

Although the raiders were not yet out of the toils, the bold dash upon Grant's line of communications had paralyzed the Federal movements in Mississippi. Grant believed that Forrest had at his back all the cavalry of Bragg's army instead of a single brigade and that Van Dorn had gone north from Holly Springs to unite his troopers with those of the great raider. He immediately sent word to Sherman that he must abandon the overland march to Vicksburg and fall back toward Corinth.

Unquestionably Van Dorn's feat at Holly Springs was a godsend to Forrest, for it alarmed the whole Federal army and diverted attention from his movement in the very direction where danger was greatest, the region of the Tennessee, where he must recross.

On the other hand, Van Dorn's dash so quickly resulting in Grant's abandonment of his overland campaign was a piece of good fortune to the Confederates, who stood in need of a triumph in the west to offset the unbroken disasters of the year from Donelson to Perryville. Van Dorn became a hero, and the Confederate chiefs saw that his true place was at the head of a cavalry corps. He had fought so far in the war as a general of infantry, distinguishing himself by boldness of attack, without, however, winning on a single field. Immediately following the blow at Holly Springs he was appointed to a command of mounted troops, including Forrest's brigade and other independent bands in the southwest.

As a result of Van Dorn's raid, combined with the work of Forrest, Grant's original plan of campaign against Vicksburg was upset. Instead of co-operating with Sherman by attacking the Confederates in central Mississippi under Pemberton he turned backward, leaving Pemberton without a foe. Pemberton at once dispatched two divisions of troops to Vicksburg to march against Sherman wherever and whenever he should appear to menace the stronghold. But Grant, cut off by telegraph, lacking supplies and menaced, as he believed, by a large force of men mounted afield in west Tennessee, could do nothing to back up his lieutenant, so he left Sherman to a forlorn attempt against enormous odds.

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NERVOUS ENERGY.

Don't Overdraw Your Account in the Bank of Nature.

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But many millionaires become paupers, and some "dime savings" swell into millions. It depends upon the way the capital is managed. You may think you have so much that there is no need to be economical. You get up in the morning and feel the blood bounding through your veins like mountain cataracts, and you think you can turn the mill wheels of the world.

You work day and night or you play day and night, which is sometimes more exhausting, and go at the limit of your speed all the time. You are overdrawing your bank account of energy, and that needlessly, for you, probably have enough to last a long and useful lifetime. It pays to sit down and sharpen your tools, and it adds cent per cent to your body bank deposit.

Another with not half your brains or bustle will get ahead of you in the end, for he makes every act, every thought, go straight to the mark. He wastes no effort. Everything he does means something. It helps toward some given end. You spend a great deal of ammunition on your quarry because you are overanxious. He keeps cool, takes steady aim and wings his bird.

You get wrinkles and frost tipped temples and become a bankrupt in vitality when you should be in your prime. You have overdrawn the best and most valuable bank account the Lord ever placed on the books of life—the ability "to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars."

A MONTE CARLO LEGEND.

The Story the Croupiers Tell of the Wandering Jew.

All gamblers are superstitious, and some of their pet superstitions are now so old as to have acquired the respectability of veritable traditions. The croupiers of Monte Carlo have an interesting set of traditional superstitions of their own, most of which are entirely unknown to the many thousands of visitors who toy with the "tiger" in [illegible] of chance.

The [illegible] of these is the story of the Wandering Jew, which the croupiers believe as fervently as they do that the luck will down any "system" that ever was invented. There is one day, and one day only, in the year on which the rooms of the casino at Monte Carlo are closed; that is on Good Friday. When the rooms are opened on the following day, they say, the first person to enter the "Grand Nouvelle Salle de Jeu" is an old man of venerable appearance. He wastes no time, but, walking straight to one of the tables, he places with the trembling fingers of extreme old age a piece of money upon a certain number. The wheel is turned, the croupier's [illegible] falls upon the [illegible], announcing that the number selected by the old man has won. With a bitterly savage exclamation the aged man seizes his winnings, throws them about him and hurries from the room to disappear, no one knows where.

He is the Wandering Jew, and until he can lose a bet at Monte Carlo he must continue his wanderings. Get on the "blind side" of any of the old croupiers of Monte Carlo, and they will tell you this legend. Have they seen him? Of course they have and are fully persuaded that the aged and mysterious stranger is none other than the man condemned to perpetual earthly wanderings nearly 2,000 years ago.

An Obstacle to Piety.

A story told by a western congressman is about two brothers, Ed and Jim, who dealt in wool at their home in Iowa. Jim went to a revival meeting (unthinkingly, the congressman says) and "got religion." In his first burst of enthusiasm he told his brother of how much better he felt since his conversion and urged Ed to come into the fold. The latter pondered gravely for a time and then said: "Ain't any doubt but what religion's a good thing, and I'm glad you've got it, Jim, but I guess you better let me alone just now," he continued reflectively. "You see, Jim, one of us has got to weigh the wool."

Chase That Frown.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom. Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your pains and aches under pleasant smiles. No one cares to hear whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.

Thoughtful Nature.

"How wondrous is nature!" sighed the dreamy eyed person.

"You bet!" answered the practical man. "Why, you know how little love is lost between the Hibernians and the Africans, and just look how nature has arranged things so as to prevent the Irish potato from coming in contact with the blackberry."—Baltimore American.

Merely a Suggestion.

"Man proposes and woman disposes," remarked the young man who gets quotations twisted.

"Well," replied the beautiful blond on the other end of the sofa, "I'm disposed to do my part if some man will do his."

Three minutes later she had him landed.—Chicago News.

THE QUEEN OF SPICES

CINNAMON, DELICIOUS AND SUGARY, AROMATIC AND PUNGENT.

The Discovery of Its Valuable Properties Antedates Recorded History. Something of Its Uses and the Way In Which It Is Produced.

Cinnamon is in itself unquestionably the most delicious of all spices, being sugary as well as aromatic and pungent. Many thousands of pounds are consumed annually in every civilized country, and it is also highly appreciated by even semicivilized and barbarous nations where culinary art and medicine have as yet made little progress.

Its uses in sweet cookery are innumerable. There are very few fruits which are not improved in preserves, pickles and pastries by the addition of more or less of this delicate bark. It is an essential flavoring in all spice cakes and in many varieties of pies and puddings. In chocolate, confectionery, candies, cordials and liqueurs cinnamon contributes an incomparable flavor.

Its medicinal value is well known as an antispasmodic and carminative and tonic. Its use is recommended as a preventive and remedy for cholera, and in seasons when stomach troubles prevail cinnamon drops are recommended as the most wholesome form of candy for children.

The discovery of the valuable properties of cinnamon antedates recorded history, as it is mentioned in the Bible, in the book of Exodus, as one of the ingredients of the sacred oil with which the priests were anointed. So highly was the sweet bark esteemed by the ancients that even a small piece was considered a fit gift for a king. It is always mentioned as an especially choice substance by Greek writers previous to the Christian era. It is said that the Arab traders, who first brought it to Egypt and western Asia, surrounded its history and production with special tales of mystery and magic.

The cinnamon tree is a member of the laurel family, which in the tropics is represented by a large number of aromatic and medicinal trees and shrubs.

There are several closely allied cinnamon trees, but the finest bark is procured from a species native to the island of Ceylon, distinguished by botanists as Cinnamomum zeylanicum. In a state of nature this grows to be a tree from twenty to thirty feet in height, with rather large, oval, entire margined leaves and yellowish flowers succeeded by small, brown drupes resembling acorns in shape. The grayish brown bark is internally of an orange color, which changes upon drying to the characteristic brown which is the recognized name of a particular shade. Almost every part of the tree yields some choice substance and is especially rich in oil. The roots yield camphor and the leaves an oil resembling the oil of cloves and often substituted for it, while from the fruit a substance called cinnamon suet is manufactured, which is highly fragrant and from which in former times candles for the exclusive use of the king were made.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century, while England was for a time in possession of the spice islands, cinnamon plants were among the choice products that were imported into various other tropical regions, including the West Indies, where in Cuba and several other islands it has become a considerable article of commerce. Under cultivation it is not allowed to grow into a tree, as the richest bark is taken from shoots of from two to four years' growth. The young tree is, therefore, cut and shoots from the root are encouraged to grow. The majority of these are cut when about ten feet in height and the bark is detached in ten or twelve inch lengths. After lying in bundles for a few days the bark is scraped by hand, both outside and in, until reduced to a thin sheet. These sheets are then made up into composite "quills" by placing the narrower and shorter pieces inside and rolling tightly, forming firmrods, which after further drying are made into bundles weighing about eighty pounds and wrapped for shipping. Grocers divide, assort and very neatly combine portions of these quills into small packets for the convenience of their customers.

The oil of cinnamon is made by grinding the coarser pieces of the bark and soaking them for two or three days in sea water, followed by the process of distilling. Two oils, one heavier and the other lighter than water, are the product, both possessing similar properties. The color varies from cherry red to pale yellow, the latter being preferred by most purchasers.

The work of distilling is light, and an oil equal to the best Ceylonese is now produced in Trinidad and various other localities in Cuba and other West India islands.

As cinnamon commands a good price and its uses are continually multiplying, there is every inducement for extending the area of its cultivation, both in the eastern and western hemispheres.—St. Louis Republic.

A Crisis Met Half Way.

There were strict orders in the Philippines regarding looting, and one day a lieutenant's suspicions were aroused by a private whom he saw peering eagerly under the piazza of a house on the outskirts of Manila, writes Dixie Wolcott in Harper's Magazine.

"What are you doing there?" he demanded in his gruffest tones.

"Why, sir," said the soldier, saluting, "I'm only trying to catch a chicken which I've just bought."

Lieutenant K. stooped and caught sight of a fine pair of fowls.

"There are two chickens under there," he exclaimed excitedly. "I bought the other one. Catch 'em both."

A FEAST THAT FAILED.

The Story of a Raccoon That Was Not Served For Breakfast.

It is within the memory of many people that the custom of schoolteachers "boarding around" was the usual thing in country districts. Although a custom which teachers seldom liked, it is doubtful if many of them had as hard a time as a young schoolmaster who described his experience in the New England Galaxy for 1817. The article was written by Leonard Apthorp, then an undergraduate of Bowdoin college. The young schoolmaster was to receive $15 a month and his board.

From the first day I perceived that I was at board on speculation and at the mercy of a close calculation, he writes. One day the whole dinner consisted of a single dumpling, which they called a pudding, and five sausages, which in cooking shrunk to the size of pipestems. There were five of us at table.

A few days afterward, on my return from school, my eyes were delighted by the sight of an animal I had never seen before. It was a raccoon, which the young man, Jonathan, had killed and brought home in triumph. When skinned, he seemed to be one entire mass of fat and of a most delicate whiteness. I was overjoyed and went to bed early to dream of delicious steaks which the morrow would bring.

Long before daylight I heard the family stirring, and the alacrity of quick footsteps and the repeated opening and shutting of doors all gave assurance of the coming holiday.

I was soon ready for breakfast, and when seated at table I observed that the place of Jonathan was vacant.

"Where is Jonathan?" I asked.

"Gone to market," said they.

"Market! What market, pray? I did not know there was any market in these parts."

"Oh, yes," they said, "he is gone to ——, about thirty miles to the southward of us."

"And what has called him up so early to go to market?"

"He is gone," said they, "to sell his raccoon."

PICKINGS FROM FICTION

The fool's ear was made for the knave's tongue.—Ramaswami's "Indian Fables."

Bad habits are leeches that would suck a Hercules to effeminacy.—"A Speckled Bird."

Money buys things, and love wins things; power takes things.—"Fame For a Woman."

Duty is what we think about when ill or are reminded of by creditors.—Davidson's "Dumas."

When a man ceases to make love to his wife, some other man begins.—"Fables For the Elite."

People whose lives are anything but a joke are usually content with the smallest jests.—"The Vultures."

Mothers personify circumstances to children. We are symbols to them of baffling, cramping fate.—"The Rescue."

A woman is like unto a volcano, which, even when inactive, is palpitating to spit forth its fire and which, when it does vent its fury, bursts the bounds of its late enforced suppression.—"The Wooing of Wistaria."

Girls Help Waiters to Cheat.

Among hotel employees sex does not appear to make any difference so far as honesty is concerned, says the Brooklyn Eagle. Certain young women who act as checkers in hotels work with certain waiters. Whenever one of the girls obtains a position the men soon follow her, and the hotel proprietor is victimized accordingly. The waiter who is in league with the checker makes a small private mark on the check with which he desires to cheat. She sees it, and instead of stamping the prices against the articles ordered she puts her fingers over the figures on the die so that a slight blotch is all that is recorded in the place for figures. The waiter does the rest. She keeps her account against her confederates, and they settle up later on the outside.

Touch That Holds Memory.

Once upon a time there was a man who was a chronic borrower of money, and he was never known to slight an acquaintance through neglect. He was extremely well known by a large circle of acquaintances, which he was continually endeavoring to enlarge.

The members of this growing circle never forgot him, and even after his death he remained green in their memories.

Moral.—A man to insure being remembered must keep in touch with his friends.—New York Herald.

After the Sunshine.

"What became of that Sunshine club which Daisy started?"

"Oh, it's under a cloud. After the first annual election of officers it was impossible to get a quorum owing to the fact that no two members of the club were 'on speaking terms.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Unconventional.

"You spoke of Gloober as being 'queer.' Is he mentally unbalanced?"

"Not exactly that. He's merely eccentric and peculiar. He gives in his property to the assessor at the same figure he has it insured for."—Chicago Tribune.

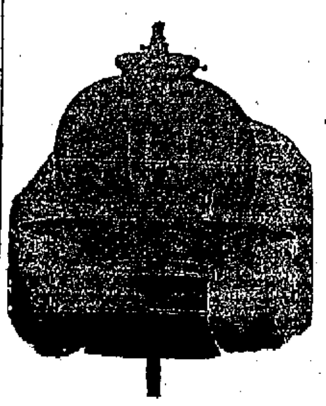
What He Realized.

Judge—You do not seem to realize the enormity of the charge against you.

Prisoner—No; I ain't got my lawyer's bill yet, but I'm expectin' the charge 'll be enormous, all right.—Philadelphia Record.

Don't worry if your associates push you to the wall. You will find the wall handy as a brace when you get ready to push back.—Vicksburg Herald.

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A DOG IN THE PROFESSION

By Lovett De Wolfe

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The call of fifteen minutes had been given long ago, and Jimmy must be tied up. The girl who was going to be an actress looked doubtfully about the small dressing room in quest of an immovable piece of furniture. Jimmy had an impetuous disposition which had not yet adapted itself to the limitations of the stage, and the girl felt that therein existed a bond of sympathy between them. She had received her name of "the girl who was going to be an actress" from the leading man. [illegible]

The girl finally concluded that the water faucet was the only thing in the room to which she could safely attach the dog's chain, and she picked Jimmy up in her arms to explain the matter to him. She was invariably courteous in her dealings with animals and the property, though at times offhand with others.

"I'm afraid you won't like it, Jimmy, dear," she said. "You never do like [illegible] and the worst of it is that if you jump [illegible] as you generally do, you will [illegible] water, and that will worry you, because you won't understand it. In many ways, Jimmy, you are a very [illegible] dog, you see?" She put him down [illegible] and fastened the chain to the collar, while he [illegible]. "But I shan't be gone long, Jimmy, dear. This is a short act, and you can [illegible] yourself thinking of how glad you'll be when I come back."

The girl fastened the other end of the chain to the faucet, and as she did so came the call of "Orchestra!" Glancing at herself in the glass, she laughed. "I worship you, Jimmy, but I can't conscientiously say that you're a help when one's making up."

Jimmy stared up at her in wrapt adoration as she gave her chin a saucy touch with the powder puff. This accomplished, she stooped and kissed him on the nose. Then she hurried out of the dressing room, forgetting with proper artistic negligence to pull the door to.

The leading man was surveying the house through an eyehole in the curtain. By and by he came over to her. The leading man was Jimmy's owner, and when he remembered it the responsibility weighed on him.

"Jimmy all right?" he said in his most imposing Mark Antony style.

She looked up at him. She was ready for the rising of the curtain and was sitting in the approved ingenue fashion on a footstool in front of an electric light fire.

"Quite safe," she answered, "since he is tied to the water faucet. But he is probably in a state of active rebellion by this time, having been alone fully five minutes."

The leading man nodded like Hamlet at the skull. "Jimmy's a social being." Then the orchestra began the curtain raiser, and he slipped into the wings. His entrance was not until later. The girl began to think of her first lines, for she opened the act. She also opened the next and was always afraid she would begin the play at the second.

As the girl was standing on the plain deal side of a purling fountain during the second scene, listening for her cue, the villain came up to her. She knew the cue would be given in a moment and therefore did not wish to engage in conversation, so she smiled at him vaguely and not encouragingly. But it was no use, because he was not a polished villain, but a villain of the deepest dye. "I'll tell you a joke," he whispered. "Jimmy's loose!" The girl listened for her cue no more.

"What?"

The villain nodded. "Be funny, won't it, if he follows Penfield on at his next entrance? It's that tragic one of his."

The villain laughed a wicked laugh, twirled his black mustachios and stalked away, his own entrance being from the other side.

The girl looked around. There was no one near to search for Jimmy or get word to the leading man. The latter was on the stage, happily unconscious of the impending canine anticlimax. Suddenly she realized that her cue was being given. She pulled herself together mentally and went on.

During the scene her mind worked double. The only person she had to act with was the villain, and she knew it was useless to appeal to him. Her one hope lay in finding Jimmy during a five minutes' exit she had later, when she would reappear in hat and coat. Her scene with the villain never seemed so long, and she made her exit with a more exuberant sense of relief than even on the opening night, when every scene finished was bliss unspeakable.

She came off on the left and rushed over to the leading man's dressing room, which was on the stage, but on the right side. The door was ajar, and the girl whistled. Then she called. "Jimmy, Jimmy, darling," she murmured beguilingly, but there followed no impetuous rush of little paws, so she knew he was not there. She ran back across the stage, searching anxiously for the dog, and then upstairs to her own dressing room. She snatched up the hat and cape which she was to wear, and as she put the hat on and ran the hatpin through her hair continued to look about for Jimmy. No, he was not there, but the chain was. The girl clinched her teeth angrily. Some one had unfastened him.

She ran down again and stopped at her entrance door, and while she listened to see how far off her cue was she looked for the basket which she was to carry on. Yes, there was the basket, and her cue was easily three minutes away. The leading man had not yet begun his famous business of walking up the stage in silence, flinging open the center doors and holding that position for the applause which always followed his picturesque callisthenic effort. After this he would deliver a sentimental speech preparatory to the girl's entrance.

She ran across behind the stage again. Jimmy might have wandered into the property room, Props being a particular friend of his. The property room, however, held nothing more interesting than Props himself, who was smoking a [illegible] pipe, with his feet elevated against the sign "No Smoking Here." Props had a sardonic sense of humor. [illegible]

[illegible] the girl stopped for a [illegible] little whistle. [illegible] leading man's door [illegible] noticed that all was still on the stage. The leading man must be [illegible] that moment the doors were flung open, and she could see him standing before the opening [illegible] shoulders [illegible] with the accretion of high class melodramatic emotion [illegible] breath [illegible]. As the applause came she started to cross behind the "road drop" which backed the open doors. She would just have time to reach her entrance, but as she turned she saw that another admirer of the leading man had seen him and that the grand catastrophe was at hand, for Jimmy was trotting from the other direction straight toward the actor and the sentimental speech was just beginning.

The girl was back across the [illegible] behind the "road drop" in a flash. The leading man was pathetically declaring that life was not worth living and that he would seek death in a foreign clime by the very next steamer. Jimmy was already coming down the little passage formed by the drop and the back of the set before the big doors were reached. She knew she could not call, for to do so effectively she would be obliged to pitch her voice above the actor's.

There was but one way, and if she missed the dog!

She made a step into the passage and, setting down the basket, threw herself as quietly as possible at full length on the ground. She had not missed. She clutched Jimmy as his nose was within four inches of the door.

And the next moment she realized what she had entirely forgotten—that the speech was the last before her entrance and that her cue was near.

With Jimmy locked in tightest amorous embrace she picked herself up and got round to her entrance. Although she did not express her hopes in language, she had a conviction that Providence had selected some one to drop from the clouds and take Jimmy now that she had so gloriously captured him. She slipped her basket on her arm and looked round wildly, and as she did so observed that every one was on the stage but herself. Surely, surely some stray scene shifter would [illegible]. And then she heard her cue [illegible] given. The girl who was going to be an actress lifted the lid of her basket, thrust Jimmy in and walked on.

The leading man saw her [illegible] Jimmy after the act, and so she had to tell him the story. He was furious with wrath of elaborate eloquence.

Next night he came to her again when she was sitting on her stool before the electric light fire and made the solemn announcement.

"I've given Jimmy away."

The girl had loved Jimmy, but perhaps it was for the best. "Poor little Jimmy!" she said softly. "I'm afraid a dog is out of place in the profession."

"Perhaps because there are so many of them there already," said the leading man, his eyes shooting lightning in the direction of the villain. And the girl nodded.

The curtain raiser was beginning. The leading man slipped into the wings, and the girl who was going to be an actress began to think of her opening lines.

Staggering the Lecturer.

In a certain village schoolroom last winter a lecturer from a neighboring town was holding forth on matters astronomical.

His audience was inclined to be skeptical, and there was quite a flutter when the lecturer spoke of the distance between the earth and the moon.

"That feller's a fule," whispered the village wiseacre to his next door neighbor, "and Aw'll prove it when 'e's done spouting!"

Accordingly, when the lecture came to an end, the old villager rose to his feet and declared his intention of "axing a question."

"Very well, fire away!" smiled the lecturer.

"Wot Aw wants to know is, how far is it frae here to N.?" mentioning the name of another little village at some distance.

"Really," gasped the lecturer, "I couldn't tell you. I've never been to N."

"Just so!" came the triumphant retort. "Then hoo mony toimes has 'e been to the moon?"—London Tit-Bits.

Brother Millsap Not to Blame.

Sister Durham—Well, you've read the list of conference appointments. How do you think you like Brother Millsap, the young man that is to preach for your church the coming year?

Sister Middleton—I've got nothing against Brother Millsap, but I don't like the bishop for sending him to us.—Detroit Free Press.

THE SEWING MACHINE.

Unsuccessful Inventions That Preceded Howe's Patent in 1846.

The technical beginning [illegible] sewing machine industry [illegible] was Sept. 10, 1846, when [illegible] Howe, Jr., obtained a patent for what [illegible] into the first really practical [illegible] machine. Only three of the first Howe machines were made, however, and one of these was deposited in the patent office in Washington as a model. It was not until after 1850 that a factory for the making of sewing machines was built, so the enormous business of today has grown up in a short half century.

While Howe's invention marked the beginning of a successful industry, he was by no means the pioneer in efforts to substitute mechanical for hand sewing. As far back as 1755 Charles Weisenthal [illegible] in England [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] in 1804 and [illegible] [illegible] machine.

The first recorded [illegible] [illegible] was the invention of Thomas Saint, who took out a patent in England in 1790 [illegible] [illegible] the old model [illegible]. It was not a success, but [illegible] of the features of the Saint machine appear in the perfected machine of today.

Barthelemy Thimonnier [illegible] in France in 1830 the first sewing machine put to practical use. Eighty of his machines were in use for sewing army clothing in 1841, when a mob destroyed them because of fear that they would drive seamstresses out of employment. Thimonnier built more [illegible] machines, but all his work was again destroyed by angry artisans in 1848.

John J. Greenough took out the first patent for a sewing machine [illegible] the United States in 1842. It was intended to sew leather, but was of no practical use.

Walter Hunt of New York built a sewing machine in 1834, but failed to protect it by a patent. After Howe's machine appeared Hunt declared it embodied the ideas of his machine of 1834, but he was unable to establish his claim.

A small army of inventors appeared after Howe's patent had proved successful, and their genius was devoted to perfecting every part of the machine. How well they have succeeded is shown in the 8,500 patents for sewing machines and attachments issued by the United States since 1850 and in the fact that the American sewing machine leads all others in every country in the world.—New York Herald.

Care In Choosing Glasses.

A dealer in optical instruments declared that it gave him real pain to note the careless manner in which half the persons in New York wear glasses. "It is a wonder to me," he said, "that they don't bring on blindness. In the first place, the frames should always be fitted to individual faces instead of being picked up indiscriminately without regard for facial peculiarities. The size of the lenses is another important consideration. Most of the glasses I see on the street are too small. They should be as large as the face of the wearer will permit, for a lens of good size not only affords better protection to the eye, but is more becoming than a smaller one. Another tribulation of the weak eyed is due to the reflection from the edges of unframed glasses. The eyelashes should be attended to in order to get the best results from a pair of spectacles. Many lashes are worn so long that they brush against the glass. This is decidedly injurious.—New York Times.

A Lesson In Hospitality.

A curious instance of provincial hospitality in a small Tuscan town is recorded by Luigi Villari in "Italian Life In Town and Country."

A lady of very noble birth and of considerable wealth was giving a musical party—it was the first time she had invited friends to her house that season. The entertainment began at 2 p. m. and lasted till 7. No refreshments were provided for the guests, but at half past 4 a servant appeared and solemnly presented a cup of chocolate to the hostess and one to her mother. This, of course, would only be possible in a very provincial town. In the more civilized spots excellent refreshments are always offered to the guests.

A Scriptural Weapon.

Children tumble into strange morasses when they grapple with theology. They trip over words. For example, the other day a teacher at Stepney took for the Bible lesson the story of Samson. At the end of the lesson questions were put to test the understanding of the scholars. "With what weapon did Samson slay a thousand Philistines?" was the question. For a space there was silence. Then a little girl spoke up. "With the ax of the apostles," she said.—London Chronicle.

Conceited.

Phyllis—Harry is the most conceited man I ever met.

Maud—What makes you think so?

Phyllis—Why, he first asserts that I am the most adorable woman in the world, the most beautiful, intellectual and in every respect a paragon, and then he wants me to marry him!

Seesaw.

Nodd—Every time I go on a vacation I swear I'll never take another.

Topp—Why don't you stick to it?

Nodd—Because every time I stay at home I vow I'll never do it again.—Brooklyn Life.

Nobody likes an overture very well, but band and orchestra leaders continue to play them because it is customary.—Atchison Globe.

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Time Table—Taking effect Nov. 24, 1901.

TRAINS LEAVE SMETHPORT.

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday, 9:14 a. m.
*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, 2:39 p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport 2:39 p. m. connects at Olean with Chautauqua Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont.

Train 122, week days.......................10:59 a. m.
Train 1-6, week days........................7:07 p. m.

For Larabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:

Train 121, week days........................9:14 a. m.
Train 123, week days........................2:39 p. m.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8:18 a. m.—Train 12, week days, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

12:25 p. m.—Train 8, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and principal intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 7:32 p.m., New York 10:23 p. m., Baltimore 7:30 p. m., Washington 8:35 p. m. Vestibuled parlor cars and passenger coaches, Buffalo to Philadelphia and Washington.

8:21 p. m.—Train 6, daily, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:25 a. m., New York 7:13 a. m., Baltimore 2:20 a. m., Washington 4:05 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

10:30 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 7:22 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays) Baltimore 7:15 a. m., Washington 8:30 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 14, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and principal intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 7:22 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days, (10:38 a. m. Sundays). Baltimore 7:15 a. m., Washington 8:30 a. m. Vestibuled Buffet sleeping cars and passenger coaches, Buffalo to Philadelphia and Washington.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, daily, for Erie, Ridgway and weekdays DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations.
10:30 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and week days for DuBois and intermediate stations.
6:20 p. m.—Train 61, week days, for Kane and intermediate stations.

Weekdays.

South	Stations	South
A. M. Lv.		Ar. P. M.
9 40	Ridgway	12 01
9 [illegible]	Johnsonburg	11 40
10 11	Glen Hazel	11 28
[illegible]	Straight	11 23
[illegible]	Instanter	11 [illegible]
[illegible]	Smith's Run	11 [illegible]
[illegible]	Wilcox	[illegible]
[illegible]	Clermont	[illegible]
A. M.		[illegible]

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TIME TABLE.

Eastern Standard Time.

IN EFFECT JUNE 1, 1902.

SOUTHBOUND.

Stations	1	3	5	7	9
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
[illegible]	7 4[illegible]	10 1[illegible]	1 30	4 30	6 1[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	10 24	1 38	4 38	6 1[illegible]
[illegible]	8 11	10 37	2 0[illegible]	4 52	6 3[illegible]
[illegible]	8 [illegible]	11 02	[illegible]	4 57	[illegible]
[illegible]	8 25	11 30	2 1[illegible]	5 01	[illegible]
[illegible]	8 3[illegible]	11 [illegible]	2 [illegible]	5 15	[illegible]
[illegible]	9 00	11 5[illegible]	2 50	5 40	[illegible]
[illegible]	8 4[illegible]	10 45	1 50	4 4[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	9 05	11 20	2 22	5 47	[illegible]
[illegible]	9 1[illegible]	12 25	3 [illegible]	6 2[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]			4 30		
[illegible]			5 0[illegible]		
[illegible]			[illegible]		
...June	4 25				9 4[illegible]
... Ar.	5 25				10 4[illegible]
	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.

NORTHBOUND

Stations	2	4	6	8	26
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.
[illegible] Lv.				7 30	3 2[illegible]
[illegible] June				8 30	4 2[illegible]
[illegible]				9 30	5 1[illegible]
[illegible]				11 15	7 0[illegible]
[illegible]ersburg				11 30	7 1[illegible]
[illegible]				12 16	8 0[illegible]
[illegible]ville				12 32	8 1[illegible]
[illegible] June				12 45	8 3[illegible]
[illegible] Clarion				12 48	8 3[illegible]
[illegible]				1 15	
[illegible]esburg				1 34	
[illegible]ville		8 15		2 15	10
[illegible] June		9 00		3 00	P M
[illegible]		9 29		3 25	
[illegible] Ar		10 00		3 57	
Lv.	7 25	10 10	1 15	4 15	2 50
Mt Jewett	8 04	10 40	1 54	4 48	3 4[illegible]
[illegible]	8 35	11 20	2 25	5 15	4 0[illegible]
Smethport Ar	9 00	11 50	2 50	5 40	
Lv.	8 00	10 45	1 50	4 40	
[illegible]	8 44	11 30	2 35	6 24	4 1[illegible]
Davis	8 50	11 37	2 42	6 30	4 1[illegible]
Aiken	8 55	11 42	2 47	6 35	4 2[illegible]
Stearns June	9 00	11 48	2 53	6 40	4 2[illegible]
Bradford Ar.	9 15	12 05	3 25	6 10	5 0[illegible]
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.

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Train 2 Daily.
Train 3 Daily, except between Ormsby and Smethport on Sundays.
All other trains Daily except Sunday.
JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pass. Agent.

The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern [illegible]

Time Table No. 14. Passenger Train Schedule [illegible]

MT. JEWETT & SMETHPORT DIV.

p. m.	p. m.	a. m.		a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
[illegible]	1.10	8.10	Lv Mt. Jewett Ar	8.00	12.00	[illegible]
5.[illegible]	1.50	8.31	Hazel Hurst	7.36	11.30	4.26
5.20	2.05	8.37	Marvindale	7.29	11.20	4.19
5.24	2.10	8.40	Kasson	7.25	11.25	4.15
5.37	2.17	8.47	Comes	7.18	11.18	4.08
6.05	2.30	9.14	Smethport	7.10 p. m.		
6.18	2.41	9.25	Farmers Valley	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.40
6.25	2.49	9.34	Corryville	6.56	10.51	3.21
6.41	2.55	9.40	Larrabee	6.50	10.46	3.15

SHAWMUT DIVISION.

Southward Read down P.M.	A.M.		STATIONS & Sidings	Northward Read up P.M.	A.M.
7.40	11.30		Clermont	7.00	8.35
7.50	11.52		Wellendorf	6.28	8.17
8.12	12.06		Wildwood	6.40	8.04
8.22	12.15		North Fork	5.38	7.58
8.29	12.28		Bear Run	5.26	7.47
	AM				PM
8.47	12.50		St. Marys	4.59	7.25
9.07	2.50	7.38	St. Marys	11.02	6.47
	2.52	7.40	Kaul	11.00	6.45
	3.17	8.03	Paine	10.34	6.20
	3.21	8.08	Kersey	10.30	6.16
	4.00	8.46	Elbon	9.59	5.44
	4.05	8.50	Hyde	9.55	5.40
AM	AM			PM	AM
	6.03		St. Marys	6.08	
8.05	6.30		Paine	5.42	8.05
8.35	7.00		Byrne	5.10	7.30
8.40	7.05		Weedville	5.05	7.06

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N. B.—All trains daily except Sunday.

M. S. BLAIR, General Supt. St. Marys, Pa. C. H. HAMMOND, Gen. Pass. Agt.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, taking effect Monday, March 18, 1901.

Ar. Eastward. A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	STATIONS.	L'v Westward. A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
		Ar		Dp		
8.05	7.05	2.10	Ulysses	7.20	2.25	9.19
7.50	6.53	2.10	Crowell	7.27	2.32	9.29
7.46	0	1.57	Carpenter	0	2.34	9.32
7.40	6.48	1.53	Perkins	7.32	2.37	9.36
7.37	6.45	1.50	New'fld Junc	7.37	2.42	9.31
0	0	1.45	Newfield	7.41	2.46	0
7.05	6.36	1.41	Gold	7.44	2.49	9.43
7.00	6.30	1.35	Raymond'	7.49	2.45	9.47
6.45	6.21	1.24	Seven Bdg's	8.01	3.06	10.02
6.40	6.17	1.20	Colesburg	8.04	3.09	10.10
6.25	6.10	1.12	Frinks	8.12	3.17	10.20
6.15	0	1.05	N. Conds'pt	0	3.26	10.35
6.10	6.00	1.00	Dp. Ar.	8.25	3.30	10.45
A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	Coudersport			P.M.
4.20	7.45	12.15	Ar. Dp.	8.28	6.00	1.20
0	0	12.13	Hammond	0	0	0
4.05	7.38	12.09	Olmsted	8.33	6.05	1.31
3.59	7.35	12.05	Mina	8.37	6.10	1.37
3.45	0	11.59	Knowlton	0	6.17	0
3.40	7.25	11.55	Roulette	8.47	6.21	1.51
3.30	7.16	11.47	Burtville	8.54	6.28	2.01
3.23	0	11.41	Coleman	0	6.34	0
3.20	0	0	Chem. Wrks	0	0	0
3.15	7.05	11.36	Pt. Allegany	9.08	6.40	2.25
P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	Dp Ar	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

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Washington Letter.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8, 1902.

As if to demonstrate its complete approval of the President's message, Congress immediately went to work to frame such trust legislation as Mr. Roosevelt has indicated as desirable. As it is deemed wise to embody in the proposed law a tax feature, not particularly for the purpose of raising revenue, but in order that there may be no question as to the constitutionality of the enactment, it has been determined to permit the House Committee on Judiciary to frame and report the law. The committee is already actively engaged, the trust bill of Representative Littlefield of Maine having been taken as a basis and having been favorably reported by the sub-committee to which it was first referred.

Mr. Littlefield's bill in its present shape provides for that publicity which the President has designated as so desirable, by requiring every corporation or similar institution with a capital stock in excess of $500,000 to make annual returns showing all the important data concerning its business, to the Interstate Commerce Commission. It further provides for a tax of 1 per cent., on all stock issued in excess of what is regarded as actually paid up in cash or its equivalent. While the Interstate Commerce Commission will conduct the details of enforcement the Attorney General is instructed to prosecute all cases which the Commission reports as failing to comply with the provisions of the law. Suitable penalties are, of course, provided for infractions. In this connection, the bill of Representative Hepburn which provides for an appropriation of $500,000 to enable the Attorney General to adequately prosecute such cases against the trusts as he may deem it necessary to bring, becomes of the utmost importance.

Most of the Republican leaders of the Senate have signified not only their willingness to further anti-trust legislation in accordance with the President's recommendations, but predict that such a law will be enacted. Senator Hoar has said that he feared the short session would not afford an opportunity to do the subject justice but, if a satisfactory law is passed by the House, it is not likely that the Senator from Massachusetts will stand in its way.

Senator Lodge has introduced a bill providing for the reduction of the tariff on imports from the Philippines, from 75 to 25 per cent., of the Dingley rates. This bill is in entire accordance with the views of Secretary Root and Governor Taft and will doubtless become a law. It is further regarded as paving the way for greater liberality with Cuba. Another important measure affecting the Philippines, which Senator Lodge will bring in at an early date, will provide for a gold standard in the islands. Vice Governor Luke E. Wright, who is in Washington, speaks in glowing terms of American administration in the islands and states that, when the two bills referred to have been enacted, the Philippines will experience an era of prosperity heretofore unknown in the islands.

The only cloud on the Republican sky is furnished by the Omnibus Territorial bill. Senator Beveridge and his committee after looking over the territories, reported the bill with the recommendation that only Oklahoma be admitted to statehood. The New England Senators all oppose the admission of the territories but many of the western Republicans believe that it would not do to refuse admission as Republican sentiment is growing in the South and, with the personal popularity of the President to insure it, together with the fact that the Republican party fathered their statehood, it would be easy to make of the three territories steadfast adherents of Republican principles. Senator Quay has by no means given up the fight he has been making in favor of the territories and there promises to be a sharp contest on the floor of the Senate before the matter is disposed of.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs has favorably reported the Militia Reorganization bill, which was introduced by Representative Dick and passed by the House at the last session. This bill was originally drawn in accordance with the views of the Secretary of War and provides for the organization of the "reserve military strength" of the nation. Briefly, it provides for the drill armament of the militia in accordance with the regulations prevailing in the regular army. It permits the President, in time of war or emergency, to call on the governors of the states for military assistance and permits the use of the state forces as entireties, without separate enlistment or commissions. It provides for a reserve force of those who have served in either the regular army or the militia, who shall meet from time to time for drill and camp service and for a roll of officers who, having served for a certain time, shall pass an examination and be certified as worthy of commission when such are required.

Senator Proctor has brought in the Army Reorganization bill, drafted by Secretary Root, and which is a modification of the bill introduced last year for the same purpose. It provides for the command of the Army by a general staff, instead of by a single lieutenant general as is now the case. The Secretary of War has succeeded in overcoming the opposition which last year attended this measure and it is said to stand an excellent chance of enactment.

The Secretary of War is being besieged, these days, by President James J. Hill of the Great Northern Railway, and by the representatives of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific systems, all of whom are looking for the contract for the transportation of troops across the Pacific. It has been determined to abandon the Government transport service and the private companies are all anxious to secure the contract.

STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

Immigrants For America Are Looked Upon as Cargo.

One of the biggest liners sailing east of France, with 500 steerage passengers aboard, was selected for observing the manner of handling steerage passengers bound for America.

A firm conclusion reached after the experience of that trip is that an immigrant of this class has to put up with much unnecessarily unpleasant treatment first, simply because he is an immigrant and therefore in judgment meriting it, and, secondly, because, being what he is, he has not yet learned to protect himself. The picture conjured up by the term "immigrant" in the minds of those who have their care en route is not at all the color of the vision that arises before us with the word. Here in America we have a notion of a band of earnest and, it may be, if we are uncharitable, worn and unwashed men and women with families, though the family and the washing are really outside for the moment, hurrying from hard conditions of life—scant, underpaid labor, ignorance, oppression, misrule—pressing on to what they must conceive to be a bright land of promise or they would not be rushing here; to a glorious young country, where all men are free and equal and all that sort of thing. But the man who has to see that these immigrants are given food and bunk and that they do not fall sick below has no such fancies. His sympathy, he will tell you, is not for the immigrants, but for the country that is to get them.

Those in charge of the immigrant from southern Europe will tell you that he is not a desirable creature. They have handled many, many thousands of his kind, and they should know something of him now. The company transports him, it is true, but as to that, he is freight, freight of good profit. The company would take freight to the highest degree distasteful if so be the rates were paid. Indeed, yes, it is a business. There is a large profit in the immigrant—oh, yes—but as a fellow passenger he is—oh, well, repulsive, repugnant or whatever you say in your language.—James B. Connolly in Scribner's.

The Other Man.

"Dar am two sides to a victory," said Uncle Shad. "Dar's de p'int ob view ob de victor and de p'int ob view ob de man dat gets licked. Mos' ebery victory means defeat for de udder chap."—San Francisco Bulletin.

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Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of L. P. Wahlin, late of Smethport Boro, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to John A. Lindholm residing in said borough, county and state, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

JOHN A. LINDHOLM,
Administrator.

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 20, 1902.

License Transfer Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the application of Frank L. Sherburne, present residence Keating township, Pa., for transfer of hotel license granted to Willis V. Proyn for the sale of wines, spirituous, malt and brewed liquors by retail in quantities not exceeding one quart at the Commercial House, corner of Main and Franklin streets in the borough of Smethport, McKean county, Pa., will be heard by the Hon. Thomas A. Morrison, at his chambers in Smethport on Monday, December 15th, 1902 at 9 o'clock a. m.

GORTON & RICHMOND,
Attorneys for Applicant.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between N. M. Harrington and M. J. Welch, under the firm name of Harrington & Welch, was on the 25th day of November, 1902, dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due the late firm are to be paid to N. M. Harrington, to whom all bills owed by said firm are to be presented for payment.

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